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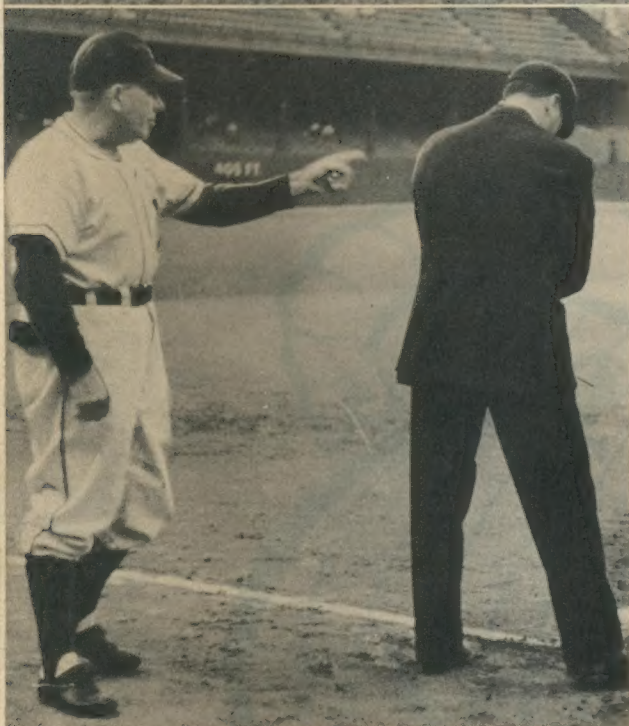
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**DRAMATICS ON THE DIAMOND.** Umpire Joe Paparella let's Dykes exercise his right of free speech, then says "Play Ball!" BULLETIN PHOTO.

**COURT OF APPEAL.** Getting nowhere with Paparella, the irate manager takes his case to Umpire Larry Napp. BULLETIN PHOTO.

**RHUBARB AT HOME PLATE.** Paul Lehner (later traded by the A's) gets earnest support from his skipper, but Umpire Duffy won't be swayed. BULLETIN PHOTO.

**DYKES THE BARBER.** The (not so) innocent victim is friend Bing Miller, as Jimmie wields a wicked razor in Bill DeFeo's Oakmont barbershop. BULLETIN PHOTO.

**DYKES THE MAHARAJAH.** Jimmie (minus spurs and six-guns) looks a little uncomfortable as he rides bareback in the Connie Mack Day parade at West Palm Beach.

**DYKES THE SERENE.** As Chicago White Sox manager in 1942, Jimmie registers his emotions over an umpire's decision. It's not hard to tell which way the decision went! BULLETIN PHOTO.

**DYKES THE MUMMER.** Jimmie was named honorary captain of the colorful string band that paraded in Shibe Park on Jimmie Dykes Day, Sept. 23, 1951. The headdress was specially made for him.

**DYKES THE ACTOR.** Jimmie Dykes plays the part of Jimmie Dykes in "THE STRATTON STORY", starring James Stewart as Monty Stratton and Frank Morgan as the scout.

**DYKES THE MANAGER.** The little man with the cigar checks the line-ups before game-time.

**DYKES THE MODEL.** The handsome young third baseman on Connie Mack's A's.

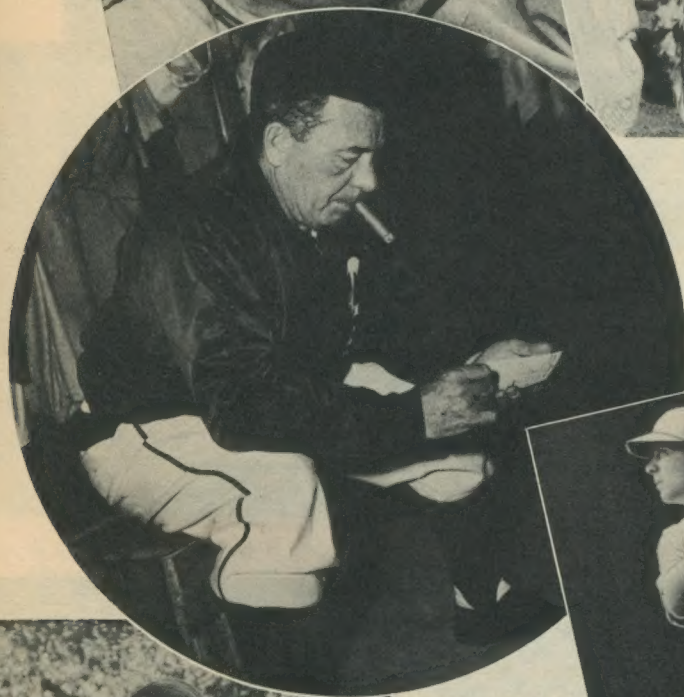
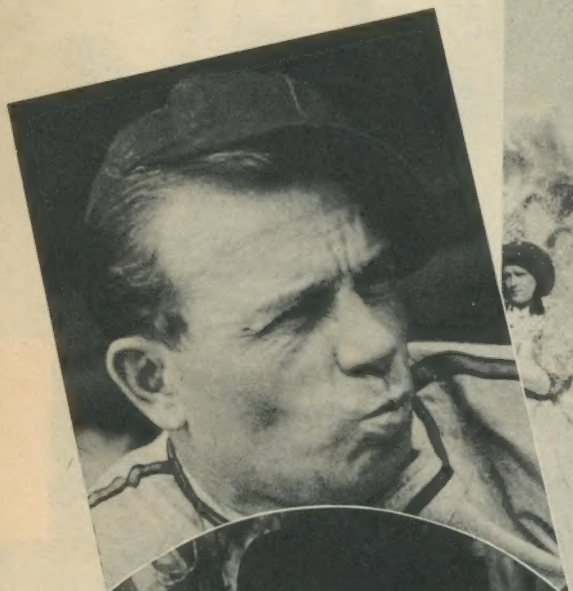
**DYKES THE SLUGGER.** How Jimmie looked in 1931 as a member of the pennant-winning A's. BULLETIN PHOTO.

**DYKES THE GOLFER.** What the well-dressed manager wears on the links. Note the cap. BULLETIN PHOTO.



PAGES FROM THE PAST OF  
JIMMIE DYKES

There have been better players than Jimmie and perhaps more successful managers, but there is no one more colorful than the little man with the cigar. Here are a few glimpses into the more recent past of the Oakmont Orator.





**WEST PALM BEACH HONORS MR. MACK.**  
 On March 21, 1952 the city of West Palm Beach paid tribute to Connie Mack by re-naming the ball park, which had originally been known as Wright Field, Connie Mack Field. The A's feel they have one of the finest training sites of all the major league clubs.



**JOOST AND VERNON HONORED.** Eddie Joost of the A's and Mickey Vernon of the Senators were the recipients of the Jack Singer Good Sportsmanship Award on their respective ball clubs. The awards were made by the Bowman Gum Company in memory of the late Jack Singer. Umpire John Stevens made the presentation.



**STARS OF TOMORROW.** West Palm Beach Little Leaguers get a few pointers from two of their heroes, Ferris Fain and Eddie Joost.



**FUN AT THE BEACH.** Dave Philley and Gus Zernial enjoy an afternoon at the beach with their families.

**MOST LOYAL FANS.** In spring training there were always some of the wives on hand to watch practice, and it would be tough to match this line-up of feminine pulchritude. Left to right: Gladys Zernial, Nell Philley, Shirley Shantz, Jacque Murray, Becky Hitchcock, and Barbara Coleman.







**NOT HARD TO PITCH TO.** Television star Ava Gabor demonstrates how to swing (the bat, that is!). In case you didn't notice, Bing Miller and Jimmie Dykes are also in the picture.



**YOU'RE GONNA LIKE THIS BOY, BOSSI** Mr. Mack gets the low-down on the team from Manager Dykes.



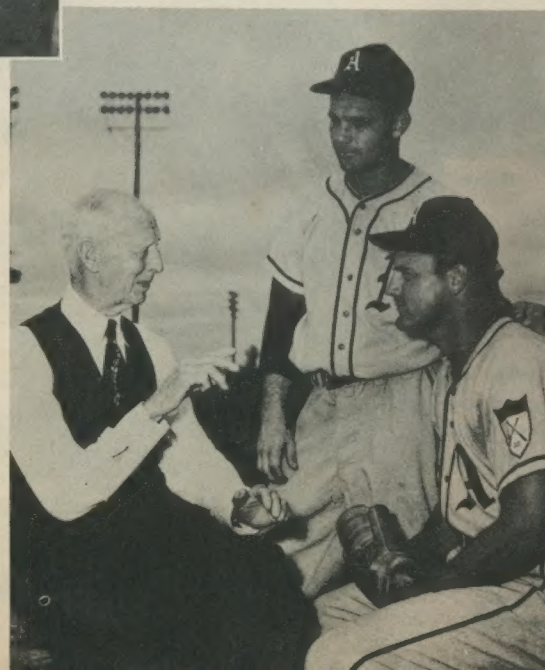
**IF YOU THINK IT, WRITE IT.** That's Jimmie's advice to sports writers Ray Kelly (BULLETIN) Ed Delaney (DAILY NEWS), and Art Morrow (INQUIRER). Capable writers all, Ray, Ed, and Art are part of the A's family. Through their efforts the newspaper reading public is kept informed on all the activities of the Athletics.

**VOICE OF THE A's.** By Saam and Claude Haring check the visiting team's starting line-up before going on the air. This is By's 15th year of broadcasting the Athletics' games, and Claude has been working with him since 1943.



Ferris Fain and Gus Zernial, now champions, were once youngsters like the ones on the calendar. They know the value of good advice.

**PLAY TO WIN!** This year's Hall of Fame Calendar featured this inspiring portrait of Connie Mack, which was reproduced from the original oil painting by Bill Medcalf.







**CHIEF SHOWS 'EM HOW.** Rookie pitchers Tex Hoyle, Mike Kume, Ed Hrabcsak, and Tom McGroarty are getting a lesson from Connie Mack's "greatest money pitcher", Chief Bender.

**WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?** Photographers are always trying to think up new "gag" shots. Here's an example. (Definition of a "gag" shot: Picture with no point to it.)

**EARLY STAGES.** Public Relations Director Dick Armstrong and assistant Rosemary Reilly at work on the book you are now reading. **BULLETIN PHOTO.**



**BIG DEALS.** As a result of the big trades swung by General Manager Arthur Ehlers, these six players donned A's uniforms early last season. Left to right: Allie Clark, Gus Zernial, Ray Murray, Dave Philley, Lou Klein (sold to San Diego), and Sam Zoldak.



**MASTER MINDS.** Arthur Ehlers and Jimmie Dykes go over player lists during one of their daily winter sessions. **BULLETIN PHOTO.**





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.** Bing Miller, Ira Thomas, Roy Mack, Hans Lobert, and Lena Blackburne help Mr. Mack celebrate his 74th birthday.



**15 YEARS LATER.** The same group, with Earle Mack replacing Hans Lobert, poses with Mr. Mack on his 89th birthday (December 23, 1951).

**LOOSENING UP.** The arms are pretty stiff on the first day of spring training.



**OLDEST TO YOUNGEST.** Jack Littrell, youngest player on the A's roster, gets a few tips from the Grand Old Man of Baseball.



**TIPS FROM A VETERAN.** Alex Kellner, a Navy veteran, gives some hints to the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base pitching staff, which includes Al's younger brother Walt. Left to right: Cole Jacobs, Tom Collins, Alex, Walt, and manager Ernest Meis.





**SOUR NOTES.** "How about taking some of your own medicine-", says Ozark Ike to trainer Packey Schwartz.



**THE ANGLER.** Fishing is just one of Chief Bender's many skills. Once ranked among the top ten marksmen in the country, Chief is also proficient at golf, billiards, gardening, tree pruning, and oil painting. He is an expert jeweler and diamond appraiser by trade. (He played baseball, too.)

**A BIG DAY FOR EDDIE.** The slugging shortstop is greeted in the clubhouse by three of his sons, after hitting two homeruns and a game-winning triple against the White Sox on June 16 of last year. With Daddy, in the usual order, are David, Donald, and Dennis.



**HERE'S SOAP IN YOUR EYE!** Always one of the last out of the locker room is Eddie Joost. Ed likes to take his time in the shower.



**HONORS FOR THE BATTING CHAMP.** One of the many organizations which honored Ferris Fain during the winter was the Union Square Optimist Club. Here Burr is receiving his trophy from Club President Tom Maloney.





**SAM'S LAST HOMER.** Popular Sam Chapman clinches the 1951 City Series for the Athletics with his 5th inning homerun in the second game, April 13. It was Sam's last homerun as a member of the A's.

**ONE MORE, PLEASE!** Said to be the most photographed man in America, Mr. Mack is given a workout by both amateur and professional photographers in spring training. Here he poses with Jimmie Dykes, Arthur Ehlers, and son Roy.



**PREVIEW OF WORLD SERIES FILMS.** On January 29 the Athletics entertained several hundred persons, including coaches and members of the press, radio, and television, at a stag dinner and preview of the 1951 World Series films. Each guest received souvenirs at the dinner, which was held in the main ball room of the Warwick Hotel.

**RIDE 'IM, COWBOY!** Dave Philley plows into Cleveland second baseman Bob Avila in an effort to break up a double play. **INQUIRER PHOTO.**



**TOO BAD, AL.** Jimmie Dykes consoles Cleveland Manager Al Lopez, after A's victory dimmed Indians' hopes of winning the pennant. In the background is Lou Brissie, whom the A's traded to Cleveland in April of '51.



Big, good-looking Ed Burtshy has not yet had a chance to prove what he can do as a major leaguer. A chipped bone condition in his pitching arm cut short his stay with the Athletics in 1950 and the same injury plagued him throughout the early weeks of 1951. "Moe" was finally sent to Baltimore for an examination by the famous Dr. George E. Bennett, and on July 23rd of last season he was operated on. Up until that time he had appeared in only seven games.

After the operation Ed was forced to take it easy for the rest of the season, but toward the end he was beginning to throw pretty hard again. He continued to take exercises during the winter to strengthen his arm, and as a result he reported for spring training fit as a fiddle.

Ed is 27 years old, weighs 208 pounds, and is right-handed all the way. He was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and while attending Roger Bacon High School, he won eight major letters. After graduating in 1941 he signed with Ashland, Ky. and in his first full season lead the Mountain State League hurlers with an earned run average of 2.46.

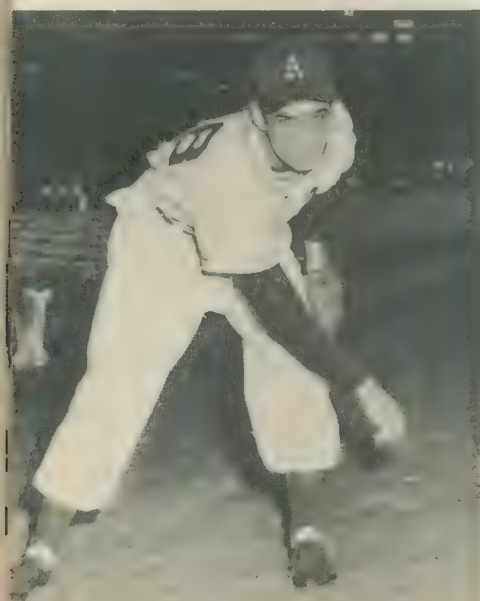
Moe jumped to Columbia, S. C. in the Sally League in 1942, and after spending nearly three years overseas in the Navy, he returned to join the Anniston, Ala. club in the South Eastern League for the 1946 season. From '47 through '49 he was with Savannah, leading the Sally League in 1948 in strike-outs, innings pitched, and batters faced. In 1950 he was moved up to Buffalo, and on June 14 of that year he joined the A's.

**BURTSCHY**

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Ashland	Mt. State	19	139	9	7	.563	127	76	38	118	74	2.46
1942	Columbia	Sally											
(Military Service)													
1946	Anniston	S. Eastern	20	117	7	7	.500	122	63	49	84	43	3.77
1947	Lincoln	Western	16	83	4	3	.571	82	53	47	55	55	5.10
1948	Savannah	Sally	36	252	16	15	.516	217	118	101	178	139	3.61
1949	Savannah	Sally	31	204	12	12	.500	163	96	76	146	121	3.35
1950	Buffalo	Int.	7	21	0	1	.000	24	13	9	9	13	3.86
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	9	19	0	1	.000	22	16	15	12	21	7.11
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	7	17	0	0	.000	18	11	10	4	12	5.29

TRAINER PACKEY SCHWARTZ checks Ed's throwing arm, which was operated on last summer.

Caught in the act!





## JOSEPH PATRICK COLEMAN

(Optioned to Ottawa)

Since 1950 the big "IF" of the Athletics has been Joe Coleman. Over and over again one heard the remark, that "If only Coleman can come through . . ." The big right-hander experienced a miserable season in 1950 after having been a 13-game winner in 1949. A quick glance at Joe's 1951 record would make one doubt that he had returned to the form which enabled him to be selected for the 1948 American League All Star team. Joe dropped six out of seven decisions last year and allowed an average of six runs per game.

But a closer inspection of his record reveals that there is still considerable hope for the husky hurler from Massachusetts. That he was improving as the season progressed is evidenced by the trend of his earned run average. His ERA at the halfway mark was 7.77, but for the second half of the season he had sliced it down to a respectable 4.35. In the closing weeks of the '51 campaign, he was throwing like the Joe Coleman of old.

Joe is 29 years old, married, and has a son. His wife Barbara is an ardent fan and never misses a ball game. While Joe was attending Malden Catholic High School, he captained the football, baseball and hockey teams. He attended Boston College for a year before going into professional ball. That was in 1941, when he started with Newport News. The following year he won 18 games and lost only 9 for Wilmington, a record which won him a chance with the A's.

But his major league career was interrupted by three years in the Naval Air Force, after which service he returned to play with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1946, and then up to the A's in '47.

The Colemans live in Arlington, Mass., where Joe works as an automobile salesman during the winter.



Felt pretty good today!



Part of the daily routine.



Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Martin get a fishing lesson from their hubbies.

### COLEMAN

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Newport News	Va.	32	223	15	12	.556	251	132	108	177	86	4.36
1942	Wilmington	I. S.	37	213	18	9	.667	169	72	55	139	73	2.32
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	1	6	0	1	.000	8	5	2	0	1	3.00
1943-44-45	Philadelphia	A. L.	(In Military Service)										
1946	Toronto	Int.	26	198	14	10	.583	187	75	65	108	64	2.95
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	13	0	2	.000	19	8	8	8	8	5.54
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	160	6	12	.333	171	84	77	65	62	4.32
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	216	14	13	.519	224	105	98	86	99	4.08
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	240	13	14	.481	249	119	103	109	127	3.86
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	54	0	5	.000	74	54	51	12	50	8.50
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	28	96	1	6	.143	117	69	64	34	59	6.00



## ALEXANDER RAYMOND KELLNER

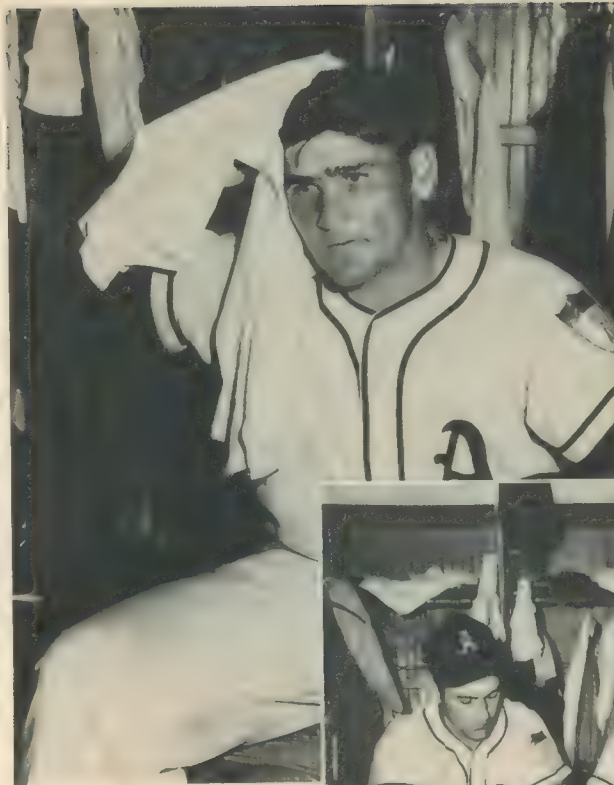
If ever a player ran smack into the sophomore jinx, Alex Kellner is the one. The husky lefty won 20 games as a rookie in 1949, and was named to the American League All Star team. In 1950 he was the only pitcher in the American League to lose 20 games!

Last year Al finished with an 11 and 14 record, and like most of the other A's hurlers, he was improving as the season progressed. His earned run average for the second half of the season was 3.38 as compared with 5.34 for the first half, and 7 of his 11 complete games came after the midway mark.

Control was one of Al's big problems in 1950, but last year he managed to strike out more men than he walked, which is always a good sign. Although he did not enjoy as successful a season as he did in 1949, the Tucson cowboy will remember 1951 for two reasons. It was Alex who broke the Fenway Park jinx by setting back the powerful Boston Red Sox with a nifty 6 to 3 victory. This was the first time the A's had beaten the Beantowners since 1948. And then on August 29, Alex hurled the first shut-out of his major league career, when he blanked the pennant-conscious Cleveland Indians 3 to 0 on five hits.

Alex has a younger brother named Walter who is slated to be one of the A's pitchers some day. Right now the young right-hander is serving in the Air Corps, but he is still on the Athletics roster. The older Kellner graduated from Amphitheater High School in Tucson, Ariz., six years before Walt. He captained the baseball team for three years, and in 1946 was named to the All Star team in the National Semi-Pro tournament at Wichita, Kansas, a feat which his kid brother also achieved three years later.

Al spent thirty-seven months in the Navy, serving in the South Pacific aboard the USS Callaghan. He is 27 years old, weighs 205 pounds, and is single. He is an expert rifle shot and loves to hunt.



Man, it was hot out there today!



Alex watches Carl Scheib try on a new pair of spikes.

As a rookie in 1948.



### ALEX KELLNER

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Tucson	Ariz.-Tex.	22	174	13	6	.684	166	87	0	50	134	3.26
1942	Tucson	Ariz.-Tex.	Record not available										
1943-46			(Military Service)										
1947	Birmingham	S. A.	33	176	11	9	.550	182	112	97	107	85	4.96
1948	Savannah	Sally	15	112	9	3	.750	79	42	34	42	93	2.75
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	13	23	0	0	.000	21	20	20	16	14	7.83
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	38	245	20	12	.625	243	120	102	129	94	3.75
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	36	225	8	20	.286	253	157	137	85	112	5.48
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	209 2/3	11	14	.440	218	118	104	94	93	4.46



John Kucab joined the A's at the tail end of the 1950 season, after posting a 16 and 12 record at Lincoln. Though his being moved up to the Athletics cut short his season with Lincoln, the tall right-hander still was able to lead the Western League in innings pitched, number of batsmen faced, and complete games.

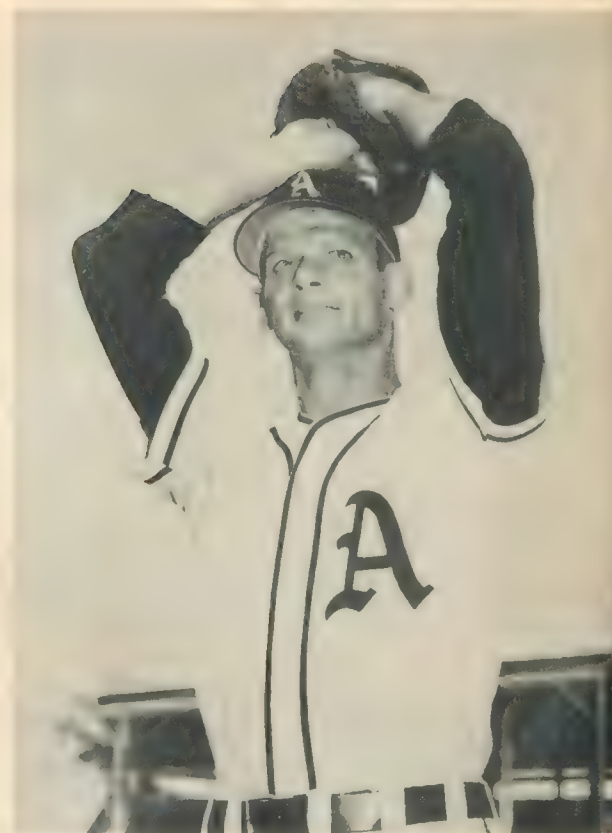
He started and finished two games for the A's in 1950, both against the Senators, losing a pitchers' duel to rookie Carlos Pascual, and winning the last game of the season to even the count. Last year John was used strictly in relief, and he finished the season with a better than .500 record and an earned run average of 4.20 in 30 games.

Even with his first appearance as a major leaguer, John had all the poise of a veteran. He has good control and knows how to pitch, as shown by the fact that he walked only 23 batters last year. Along with Carl Scheib, the lanky Pennsylvanian gives Manager Dykes plenty of bull pen strength.

John had one season in organized ball before he joined the infantry in 1942. During his 47 months in the service he saw action in both the European and the Pacific theaters. After getting out of the Army he played with Youngstown, Ohio in the Middle Atlantic League from 1946 through 1949.

Although he and his wife and daughter now live in Campbell, Ohio, John was born in Olyphant, Pa., and he graduated from Olyphant High School in 1938. Many of his friends from that area held a day in his honor last year and presented him with a \$1000 Defense Bond, along with many other gifts. John responded by turning in a nice relief performance against Cleveland.

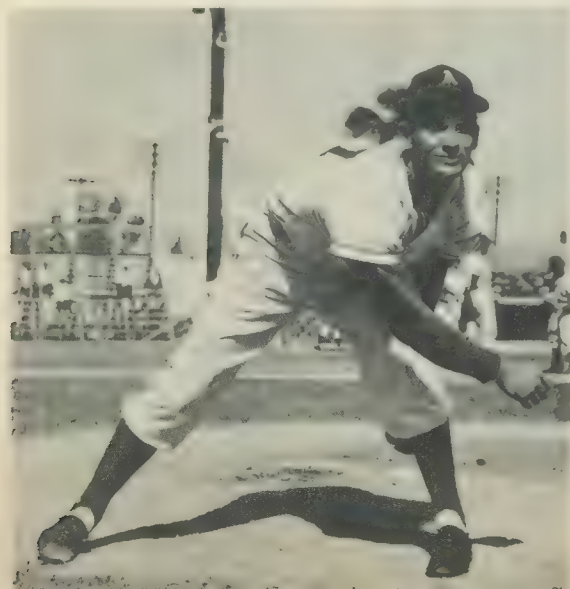
## JOHN ALBERT KUCAB



Cool, calm and collected.

### KUCAB

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Harrisonburg	Virginia	25	207	10	11	.472	217	112	93	133	64	4.04
1942-43-44-45			(Military Service)										
1946	Youngstown	Mid. Atl.	15	111	12	1	.923	95	30	23	48	47	1.87
1947	Youngstown	Mid. Atl.	16	94	5	8	.385	96	51	39	56	33	3.73
1948	Youngstown	Mid. Atl.	33	204	11	17	.393	244	141	106	145	76	4.67
1949	Youngstown	Mid. Atl.	33	229	21	7	.750	222	104	96	145	64	3.77
1950	Lincoln	Western	31	261	16	12	.571	236	99	86	106	68	2.97
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	26	1	1	.500	29	10	10	8	8	3.46
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	30	74 2/3	4	3	.571	76	37	35	23	23	4.20



Fireman John



Buttermilk is good for you, and John likes it.



# MORRIS WEBSTER MARTIN

First choice of Athletics General Manager Arthur Ehlers in the 1950 draft was pitcher Morris Martin. The 28-year-old lefty from Washington, Missouri had been a teammate of Lou Limmer at St. Paul, where he won 14 and lost 9 in 1950. That was his best season of the three he had spent in the American Association as a farmhand in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization.

Morrie started with Grand Forks in the Northern League in 1941, posting an impressive record of 16 and 7 in his first year in pro ball. But the following four years were spent in the service, during which period the handsome southpaw was wounded several times. He took up his pitching career again in 1946, this time being optioned by St. Paul to Asheville. In 1947 he was optioned to Danville, Ill. and in '48, after a full season with St. Paul, he was called up by the Dodgers. Brooklyn optioned him back to the Saints in 1949 and again in '50, but that was their last chance, as the A's grabbed him in the baseball draft.

Morrie's record as a first year man certainly justified the selection. He won 11 games and lost only 4, while compiling the second best earned run average on the club. His victory total included wins over every club in the league, and along with Bobby Shantz, Alex Kellner, and Sam Zoldak he helped to make the A's one of the strongest clubs in the majors in left-handed pitching.

On September 9 in an exciting game with the Indians, Morrie suffered a badly bruised groin when he collided with the Cleveland catcher in an attempt to score. It was the third time during the season that the left-hander had been injured, but this time he was out for the rest of the year. Otherwise he might have had a chance to add a couple more victories to his total and pitch enough innings to put himself at the top of the American League in win-loss percentage.

Martin is 6' tall, weighs 185 pounds, and is married.



Won 11 and lost 4 in 1951.

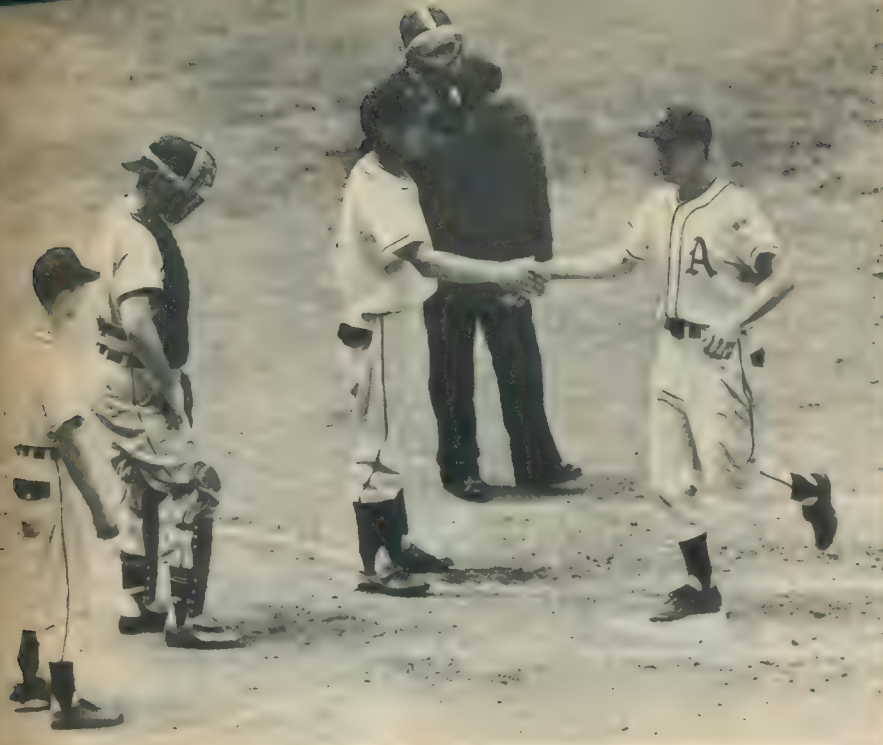
## MARTIN

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Grand Forks	Northern	27	193	16	7	.696	170	60	44	103	58	2.05
1942-43-44-45 (Military Service)													
1946	Asheville	Tri-State	25	173	14	6	.700	144	71	52	141	69	2.71
1947	St. Paul	American	19	59	2	3	.400	47	34	27	30	34	4.12
1948	St. Paul	American	35	186	13	11	.542	171	93	86	129	71	4.16
1949	St. Paul	American	16	79	3	6	.333	83	41	34	51	31	3.87
1950	St. Paul	American	31	197	14	9	.609	216	101	80	114	62	3.65
1951	Philadelphia	American	35	138	11	4	.733	139	70	58	35	63	3.78

Ready to call it a day.







Hitting pitcher Scheib is welcomed at home plate by Eddie Joost after blasting a homer against Detroit. Inquirer Photo.



That running makes you sweat!



Pete Suder congratulates newlyweds Carl and Georgene Scheib. (Picture was taken in 1948)

One of the outcomes of the 1951 season was the discovery of an ace relief pitcher among the A's hurlers. When Jimmy Dykes decided to use Carl Scheib strictly as a fireman, he did not realize that the big Pennsylvania farm boy would become one of the most effective bull pen artists in the league.

But that's just what happened. At mid-season Carl had a miserable record of only 1 win against 10 defeats. He had started 11 games, relieved in 10, and his earned run average was a mediocre 5.55. But from July 18 on, it was a different story. The strapping right-hander was used only in relief, and having a definite role seemed to work wonders on him. For the second half of the season Carl's earned run average dropped to 2.28, which was the best of all the A's pitchers! Furthermore, he allowed fewer hits per innings pitched than any other hurler on the team, and he also threw fewer homerun balls than any of his fellow moundsmen.

Carl and his buddy, Bobby Shantz, are two of the best fielding pitchers in baseball. In addition to being a cat on the mound, Carl is considered one of the best hitters among the American League pitchers. Last year he led the club with a robust .396 average, which accounts for his being used as a pinch hitter on numerous occasions. Among his hits were two homeruns and two triples.

Scheibie is one of the few active major leaguers who never played minor league ball. He joined the A's at the age of 16 right out of Gratz High School in 1943. In '45 he was inducted into the Army and served in the European Theater of Occupation until his discharge in December of 1946. Carl, who is 6' 1½" and weighs close to 200 pounds, was a New Year's baby in 1927. He and his wife and three children make their home in Feasterville, Pa.

#### SCHEIB

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	6	19	0	1	.000	24	14	9	3	3	4.26
1944	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	36	0	0	.000	36	18	17	13	11	4.25
1945	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	9	0	0	.000	6	3	3	2	4	3.00
1945-46	Philadelphia	A. L.	(In Military Service)										
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	21	116	4	6	.400	121	68	65	26	55	5.04
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	199	14	8	.636	219	90	87	44	76	3.93
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	38	183	9	12	.429	191	117	104	118	43	5.11
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	43	106	3	10	.231	138	96	85	37	70	7.22
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	46	143	1	12	.077	132	78	71	49	71	4.47



## ROBERT CLAYTON SHANTZ

Bobby Shantz enjoyed the best year of his career in 1951. The "Mighty Mite" was the winningest pitcher on the A's mound staff, and his 18 and 10 record ranked him among the leading hurlers in the American League. Ironically, Bobby is the smallest player in the major leagues, standing only 5' 7" and weighing less than 150 pounds.

Bobby's record becomes all the more remarkable when one takes into consideration the fact that when he was chosen for the American League All Star team last year he had only 7 wins against 6 losses. But in the second half of the season the diminutive southpaw was nothing short of sensational. He won 11 games while losing only 4, and at the same time was lowering his earned run average from 5.32 on July 10 to 3.95 at the end of the season.

Lack of size seems to be no handicap to Bobby. The gritty youngster pitched 13 complete games last year in the 205 innings that he worked. Mr. Mack calls him one of the greatest fielding pitchers he has ever seen, and Manager Jimmie Dykes thought enough of Bobby's base-running ability to use him as a pinch-runner several times last year. Bob is a good hitter and one of the best bunters in the league. He led the club in sacrifices last year.

A fast worker on the mound, Bobby pitched five games that went less than two hours, including one that took only an hour and 28 minutes. He threw three shutouts and teamed with Bob Hooper in a fourth.

Popular with his teammates and a favorite of the fans, the little left-hander appears a good bet to add his name to the list of great pitchers who have played for the A's down through the years. At 26 he seems the most likely candidate for the twenty-win circle this year, and you can bet that his attractive wife Shirley will be pulling harder than anyone for him to make it.



Then . . .

And now

### SHANTZ

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Lincoln	Western	28	214	18	7	.720	179	77	67	212	55	2.82
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	33	127	6	8	.429	100	50	48	74	58	3.40
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	36	215	8	14	.364	251	122	110	93	85	4.60
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	32	205 1/3	18	10	.643	213	96	90	77	70	3.95

Bobby cooks the steak under the watchful eye of wife Shirley.



Getting ready to go on the field.



## SAMUEL WALTER ZOLDAK

"Sad Sam" came to the Athletics from Cleveland along with catcher Ray Murray in the big three-way deal last year between the A's, the White Sox, and the Indians. At first he was used primarily in relief, but on June 24 he re-established himself as a starting hurler by pitching his first complete game in nearly two years. Although his 6 and 10 record would not reveal it, Sam was the most effective of all the A's pitchers in the earned run department. His 3.16 ERA was one of the ten lowest in the league.

Sam pitched fine ball for the A's once he regained his pitching stamina. Outstanding among his victories was his one-hit shutout of the White Sox, in which game only two Chicago batters reached first base. Sam lost several heartbreakers last year, including two 1-0 games to Cleveland.

The colorful left-hander became Jimmie Dyke's pet project in spring training this year. Dykes said Sam had not run for ten years, and after two days of Jimmie's rugged routine, Sam was ready to drop. When Jimmie came off the field the second day, there was Sam in the shower. Only he wasn't standing, he was sitting in a chair, with the water beating down on him! But Dykes is quick to add that Sam is a hard worker and gives everything he has when he's pitching.

"Sad Sam" got his nickname when he was playing with the St. Louis Browns, but he can't recall who first called him that. Personality-wise the 29-year-old Brooklynite is anything but sad. He likes to kid and half the time his teammates don't know whether to believe him or not.

Sam attended Fordham University for two years before going into the Navy during World War II. During the off-season he works as a property man for a theatrical company. At the time this article was written, he was single, but with Sam anything can happen—even marriage!

That's why they call me  
"Sad Sam".



### ZOLDAK

Year	Club
1938	Palatka
1939-40	
1941	Selma
1941	Williamsport
1942	Williamsport
1943	Elmira
1944	St. Louis
1945	St. Louis
1946	St. Louis
1947	St. Louis
1948	St. Louis-Cleveland
1949	Cleveland
1950	Cleveland
1951	Philadelphia

League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
Fla. State	2	13	0	2	.000	25	17	15	5	7	10.3
(Out of Organized Ball)											
So'east.	8	30	1	1	.500	36	22	17	11	12	5.1
Eastern	4	25	2	1	.667	23	8	.....	7	10	.....
Eastern	32	177	11	11	.500	147	60	50	83	64	2.5
Eastern	36	244	20	10	.667	232	102	74	126	67	2.7
Amer.	18	39	0	0	.000	49	22	16	15	19	3.6
Amer.	26	70	3	2	.600	74	32	26	19	18	3.3
Amer.	35	170	9	11	.450	166	71	65	51	57	3.4
Amer.	35	171	9	10	.474	162	76	66	36	76	3.4
Amer.	34	160	11	10	.524	168	67	61	30	43	3.4
Amer.	27	53	1	2	.333	60	30	25	11	18	4.2
Amer.	33	64	4	2	.667	64	33	28	15	21	3.9
Amer.	26	1281/3	6	10	.375	127	51	45	18	24	3.1

Sam and Carl Scheib do some practice putting in the back yard.







Joe helps himself to a bottle of milk.

#### ASTROTH

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944															
															(Military Service)
1945	Philadelphia	A. L.	10	17	1	1	0	0	0	0	.059	20	4	4	.857
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	.143	7	1	1	.889
1946	Toronto	Int.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1946	Lancaster	I. S.	97	301	58	87	12	3	6	47	.289	407	53	17	.964
1947	Savannah	Sally	141	475	81	133	22	6	7	76	.280	891	97	15	.985
1948	Memphis	S. Assoc.	116	349	66	123	22	9	4	55	.352	568	66	11	.983
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	55	148	18	36	4	1	0	12	.243	163	24	4	.191
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	37	110	11	36	3	1	1	18	.327	123	9	2	.985
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	64	187	30	46	10	2	2	19	.246	228	18	2	.992

A kiss for daddy.



#### JOSEPH HENRY ASTROTH

Serious-minded Joe Astroth is determined to establish himself as a first string catcher. Last year he and Joe Tipton divided the catching duties about equally, with Ray Murray close behind. The chunky backstop caught 30 wins and 26 losses last year to lead the A's catching staff in win-loss percentage. He also had the highest fielding average and best ratio of strike-outs to bases on balls. All of which goes to prove that the A's hurlers like to pitch to the husky receiver from Illinois.

Joe led the A's in hitting in 1950 with a .327 average, but last year his batting average dropped down to .246. However, he had a very poor start and did not really find himself until the latter part of the season. He is confident that he can hit, and with his great determination he undoubtedly will.

Born and raised in Alton, Illinois, Joe graduated from Wood River High School in 1940. He attended the University of Illinois for a year, participating in freshman football, basketball, and baseball. In a college where basketball stars grow on trees, Joe, who is 5' 10" and weighs 187, was captain of the team.

After Joe was discharged from the Coast Guard, he faced one of his biggest decisions, which was whether to play professional ball or finish college. Joe finally chose baseball, and he signed with the A's at the end of the 1945 season, playing in 10 games. He spent most of the '46 season with Lancaster, and in '47 he was with Savannah. In 1948 Joe was with Memphis, where he hit .352 and was voted to the Southern League's All Star team, while leading the league in fielding.

Joe and his wife and daughter stayed in Philadelphia this past winter, so that he could work at the Budd Manufacturing Company plant in Bustleton. A good after dinner speaker, he was kept busy on the local banquet circuit.

Ready for the next bout.





On occasion, visitors to the A's clubhouse have thought they were walking in on an old fashioned revival meeting. But it would only be likeable Ray Murray giving one of his famous "sermons". When he puts on his best "preachin'" style, with his wavering voice and accompanying gestures, the 6' 3", 200-pound catcher is a natural for the nickname he has acquired, "Deacon".

Ray came to the A's on April 29, 1951 along with Cleveland batterymate Sam Zoldak. It was this same deal that brought Gus Zernial and Dave Philley from the White Sox, with Lou Brissie being traded to the Indians and Paul Lehner to Chicago. The acquisition of Murray gave Manager Dykes the depth which his catching staff had lacked at the start of the season.

When "Deacon" started his baseball career at Pocomoke City back in 1940, his general manager was none other than Arthur Ehlers. The lanky receiver with the chiseled chin played at Tarboro the next year, his last before going into the service. After being discharged, Ray was with Baltimore for a short time, before going to Oklahoma City. Except for a brief spell with Cleveland in 1948, Ray played at Oklahoma City through 1949, when he hit .319 and drove in 94 runs in 123 games. In 1950 he was kept on the Cleveland roster the entire season, although he played in only 55 games.

Born in North Carolina, "Deac" now makes his home in Midwest City, Oklahoma, where he works for a produce company during the off-season. He and his very attractive wife are crazy about Philadelphia, and he is especially pleased to be playing for Jimmie Dykes.

The "Deacon" gets set to throw.



MURRAY

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1940	Poco. City	E. Sh.	90	308	38	81	11	1	2	39	.263	420	58	14	.972
1941	Tarboro	Coast.	75	283	37	91	14	1	0	34	.322	185	12	11	.947
1942-43-44-45	Balt.	Int.	(In Military Service)												
1946	Baltimore	Int.	33	88	7	20	0	0	2	10	.227	97	13	2	.982
1946	Okla. City	Tex.	42	130	11	33	2	3	2	15	.254	156	41	4	.980
1947	Okla. City	Tex.	122	388	41	102	20	4	9	57	.263	513	62	14	.976
1948	Cleveland	Amer.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1948	Okla. City	Tex.	64	202	19	60	8	2	5	34	.297	213	38	8	.969
1949	Okla. City	Tex.	123	430	65	137	44	4	16	94	.319	565	78	19	.971
1950	Cleveland	Amer.	55	139	16	38	8	2	1	13	.273	156	15	5	.972
1951	{Cleveland Athletics	Amer.	41	123	10	27	6	0	0	14	.220	117	25	2	.986



Knocking the kinks out.

A hug for hubby. Jacque Murray rewards Ray for his timely single against the Red Sox.



## JOSEPH JOHN TIPTON

Joe Tipton could be one of the best catchers in the majors. He is a top-notch receiver, knows how to handle pitchers, has a good arm, and is plenty smart. In addition, he has a lot of natural ability as a hitter.

But Tip has never been able to reach his full potential. He caught 72 games last year, the highest number of his major league career, and hit only .239. No one will deny, however, that Joe had a lot of tough breaks. On May 15 he was knocked unconscious and suffered a mild concussion when Ray Coleman swung his bat around twice and caught Joe in the back of the head. Then on July 19 he suffered a severe contusion of his ankle when struck by a foul tip from the bat of Hank Borowy. A month later Joe sprained his left ankle when Gerry Coleman collided with him at home plate in a game at Yankee Stadium. There is no doubt that these injuries hampered the likeable tow-head from Georgia.

Joe had been a minor leaguer for seven years before he finally broke into the majors with the Cleveland Indians in 1948, although three of those years, 1943 to 1945, were spent in the Navy. During the four years he played in the minors, Joe was named to the All Star teams of three different leagues. In 1947 he led the Eastern League in batting with a sizzling .375 average.

One of Joe's special fortes is his knack of annoying opposing batters with choice remarks. His number one target was Ted Williams, and Joe could really get Thumping Theodore worked up. The 185-pound catcher was born 29 years ago in McCaysville, Ga. and he still resides there, during the off-season, with his wife and daughter. He attended Epworth High School, where he starred in football, basketball, and baseball.

What's the use, it'll get mugged up again anyway.

Joe and umpire Bill Summers engage in a few pleasantries about fair and foul balls.

Tip must be talking about his hunting dogs.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941	A'p'y'n	W. S.	59	215	54	64	18	0	11	46	.298	102	26	9	.934
1941	Flint	M. St.	10	33	5	12	3	0	2	7	.364	0	0	0	.000
1942	Charleston	M. A.	81	262	38	82	17	3	0	32	.313	136	17	6	.962
(In Military Service)															
1946	Harrisburg	Int.	104	324	59	106	28	2	7	68	.327	390	54	11	.976
1947	Wilkes-Barre	East.	108	371	61	139	23	3	2	66	.375	381	50	8	.982
1948	Cleveland	A. L.	47	90	11	26	3	0	1	13	.289	84	18	3	.971
1949	Chicago	A. L.	67	191	20	39	5	3	3	19	.204	203	32	2	.992
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	64	184	15	49	5	1	6	20	.266	201	24	3	.987
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	72	213	23	51	9	0	3	20	.239	230	52	9	.969

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Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948	Cleveland	A. L.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000



# FERRIS ROY FAIN



The Ferris Fain Club remembers their hero on his birthday.



The Big Question: Can he repeat?

Ferris and Jackie Fain and son Denny at home in Walnut Creek, California.

## FAIN

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1939	San Francisco	P. C.	12	33	4	7	2	0	1	8	.212	99	4	8	.928
1940	San Francisco	P. C.	146	446	64	106	21	7	7	50	.238	1137	72	24	.981
1941	San Francisco	P. C.	174	649	122	201	27	8	5	66	.310	1654	106	22	.988
1942	San Francisco	P. C.	162	519	57	112	17	4	4	53	.216	1417	126	26	.983
1943-44-45	S. Fran.	P. C.	(In Military Service)												
1946	San Francisco	P. C.	180	615	117	185	35	6	11	112	.301	1598	110	29	.983
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	136	461	70	134	28	6	7	71	.291	1141	101	19	.985
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	145	520	81	146	27	6	7	88	.281	1284	120	16	.989
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	150	525	81	138	21	5	3	78	.263	1275	122	22	.984
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	151	522	83	147	25	4	10	83	.282	1286	124	19	.987
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	117	425	63	146	32	3	6	57	.344	1183	113	11	

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1951 was a great year for fiery Ferris Fain. Always an excellent fielder, the aggressive first sacker really came into his own as a hitter. Battling all the way, he held his own all season long against such classy hitters as George Kell, Ted Williams, and Minnie Minoso and ended up with the American League batting championship.

Ferris also received the honor of being voted by the fans to the 1951 American League All Star team, and he smashed a booming triple off the right field fence his first time at bat in the Dream Game.

A spectacular fielder, "Burrhead" holds the record for double plays participated in by a first baseman. He has been an important part of the famous double play combination of Joost, Suder, and Fain which has broken all existing double play records.

Despite the fact that he is one of the finest first basemen in the majors, Ferris was willing to move to right field in order to give rookie Lou Limmer a chance to show what he could do. Oddly enough, the very first game he played in the outfield he took part in a most unusual double play, which he initiated on a base hit to right.

Burr's intense desire to excell sometimes gets the better of him. This happened last year in Chicago, when in a fit of anger brought on by a slight batting slump he kicked at the first base bag. That little outburst cost him a broken left foot and resulted in his being sidelined for five weeks. Nevertheless, he took up right when he left off when he got back into the line-up, and he went on to win the batting title and finish second in fielding.

Born in Texas and raised in California, Ferris attended Roosevelt High School in Oakland, where he was All City in both baseball and basketball. After graduating in 1939 he joined the San Francisco "Missions", and except for three years spent in the Army Air Corps, he was with San Francisco until drafted by the A's at the end of the 1946 season.

During the off-season Ferris spends much of his time hunting, golfing, and tinkering in his home workshop. This past winter he made the Japanese good will tour along with teammates, Bobby Shantz and Joe Tipton. Burr is married and has three children. The Fains live in Walnut Creek, Calif.





Billy Hitchcock was a utility infielder most of last year. But when he was playing regularly during the last month of the season, he was the hottest player on a red hot team. He took over at third base for the ailing Hank Majeski on September 5 and proceeded to collect six hits and drive in an equal number of runs in a double header against Washington. For the rest of the season he belted the ball at a .363 percentage clip, collecting 33 hits and 22 RBI's in 22 games. Billy finished the season with the highest batting average of his career, and he did his share in helping the A's go above the 200 mark in double plays for the third straight year.

Although he has played every position in the infield, the soft-spoken Alabama native likes third base the best. He started with Kansas City in 1939 and the following two years was named to the American Association All Star team. In 1942 he was moved up to Detroit. When the United States entered the war, Bill joined the Army Air Corps, and he was discharged as a major with 42 months service.

Billy returned to the Tigers in '46, but was traded to Washington in mid-season. In 1947 he was with the Browns, and in '48 and '49 with the Red Sox. It is interesting that Billy's first appearance at Shibe Park was not as a baseball player, for he was the flashy left halfback on the great Auburn team that played against Villanova in 1937. Bill captained both the football and baseball teams in his senior year at Auburn.

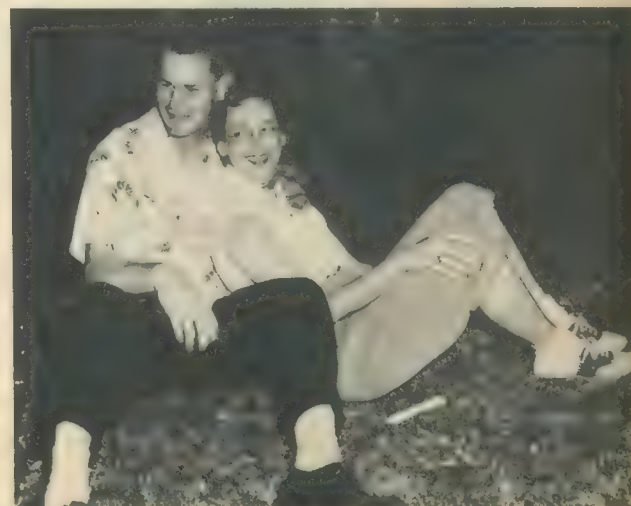
The 6' 1", 185 pound infielder and his pretty wife Becky live in Opelika, Alabama, where Bill expects to open up a sporting goods store next winter.



Breaking in a new glove.

#### HITCHCOCK

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1939	Kansas C.	A. A.	116	369	52	97	17	11	4	40	.263	109	211	20	.941
1940	Kansas C.	A. A.	131	447	64	120	18	6	6	61	.268	101	240	20	.945
1941	Kansas C.	A. A.	150	554	77	164	28	8	3	59	.296	292	432	52	.933
1942	Detroit	A. L.	85	280	27	59	8	1	0	29	.211	157	199	21	.944
1943-44-45	Detroit	A. L.	(In Military Service)												
1946	Det.-Wash.	A. L.	101	357	27	75	8	3	0	25	.210	166	231	21	.950
1947	St. Louis	A. L.	80	275	25	61	2	2	1	28	.222	209	190	14	.966
1948	Boston	A. L.	49	124	15	37	3	2	1	20	.298	54	82	4	.971
											(1B)	256	15	2	.993
1949	Boston	A. L.	55	147	22	30	6	1	0	9	.204	21	15	1	.973
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	115	399	35	109	22	5	1	54	.273	297	319	21	.967
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	77	222	27	68	10	4	1	36	.306	3B 45	99	11	.929
												2B 47	51	3	.970
												1B 8	0	0	1.000



Billy and Becky Hitchcock seem amused at something.

Bill poses with a group of sluggers.



Mr. Shortstop.

To Philadelphia fans there is only one Mr. Shortstop, and that is their own Eddie Joost. A perennial favorite, Eddie had a great year in 1951. He finished only one point behind league leader Chico Carrasquel in fielding and at the plate he hit a solid .289 and drove in 78 runs. Among Ed's 160 hits were 19 homeruns, 5 triples, and 28 doubles. Once again he topped the hundred mark in bases on balls.

This is Eddie's 13th season in the big leagues. The bespectacled shortstop set an American League record in 1948 for consecutive chances accepted without an error and for consecutive games without an error. He also tied a major league record in 1941 for chances accepted in a game, and in 1949 he helped the Athletics establish a new double play record of 217.

Both on and off the field Eddie Joost is a natural leader. He is respected by his teammates and well liked by the fans. Last year he won the Jack Singer Sportsmanship Award, which was presented by the Bowman Gum Company on the last home day of the season.

Eddie is married and has four sons. The entire family accompanied him to West Palm Beach this year, and Ed reports that it took them 11 days to drive from their home in Burlingame, Cal. The Joost youngsters all look like their Dad, and at the rate he's going, it looks as if he'll still be around when they are big enough to be playing ball.

Eddie flashes his  
familiar Hollywood  
smile.

Three chips off the old block. Eddie has four sons—  
David, Donald, Dennis, and Dean.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1926	Cincinnati	N. L.	13	26	1	4	1	0	0	1	.154	15	22	1	.974
1937	Syracuse	Int.	151	553	78	149	21	12	3	52	.269	253	352	44	.932
1937	Cincinnati	N. L.	6	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	.083	8	13	3	.875
1938	Kansas City	A. A.	145	578	96	167	33	6	5	70	.289	187	325	25	.953
1939	Cincinnati	N. L.	42	143	23	36	6	3	0	14	.252	88	89	8	.957
1940	Cincinnati	N. L.	88	278	24	60	7	2	1	24	.216	161	270	17	.962
1941	Cincinnati	N. L.	152	537	67	136	25	4	4	40	.253	326	429	46	.943
1942	Cincinnati	N. L.	142	562	65	126	30	3	6	41	.224	299	434	50	.936
1943	Boston	N. L.	124	421	34	78	16	3	2	20	.185	247	341	33	.947
1944	Boston	N. L.	(Voluntarily Retired)												
1945	Boston	N. L.	35	141	16	35	7	1	0	9	.248	64	76	12	.921
1946	Rochester	Int.	143	493	85	136	35	5	19	101	.276	331	389	32	.957
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	151	540	76	111	22	3	13	64	.206	370	452	38	.956
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	135	509	99	127	22	2	16	55	.250	325	409	20	.973
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	144	525	128	138	25	3	23	81	.263	352	442	25	.969
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	131	476	79	111	12	3	18	58	.233	241	389	29	.956
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	140	553	107	160	28	5	19	78	.289	325	422	20	.974



## LOUIS LIMMER

Optioned to Ottawa)

"Lollopin' " Lou has the makings of a great ball player. The smiling young first baseman from the Bronx was heralded as a coming star, when he was moved up to the A's last year. The American Association sports writers had voted him the Rookie of the Year in 1950, after Lou had led the league both in homeruns and RBI's. He also led the league in put-outs at first base, and tied for the lead in double plays participated in by the A.A. first sackers.

Although it was as a hitter that Lou had been touted, he failed to live up to expectations in that respect. But as a fielder he did a fine job, filling in for the inimitable Ferris Fain when the latter was sidelined. In his first year in the majors, Lou entered his name in the record books by tying the previous record for unassisted double plays in a game.

Despite his unimpressive batting average, Lou often flashed the power for which he was known in the minor leagues. He hit a few home-runs at crucial moments, including a tremendous grand slam homer off Al Widmar of the Browns, the first of Lou's major league career. Every year in spring training the tall left-hander looks like one of the best hitters in the league. One of these days, he's going to carry on right through the season.



That's my boy! Lou gazes proudly at a picture of son Craig.

Lou is only 25 years old, stands 6' 2", and weighs 190. At Manhattan Aviation High School in New York he starred in just about every sport. He graduated in 1943 and immediately enlisted, serving 33 months in the Army Air Corps. In 1947 Lou

signed his first professional contract with the Lexington Athletics. In 1948 and '49 he was with Lincoln, and both years was selected as the All Western League first baseman, leading the league in homeruns in 1949.

### LIMMER

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1947	Lexington	West.	107	405	85	132	20	3	24	95	.326	635	51	27	.962
1948	Lincoln	West.	106	385	84	111	12	4	28	93	.288	1010	44	21	.980
1949	Lincoln	West.	135	483	100	152	20	8	29	105	.315	1161	58	18	.985
1950	St. Paul	Amer. Assoc.	144	501	98	139	23	6	29	111	.277	1174	77	21	.983
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	95	214	25	34	9	1	5	30	.159	450	40	6	.988

Two unassisted double-plays in one game.

Shower room quartet: Ezio Limmer, Frankie Fain, Bing Hitchcock, and Vaughn Hooper.





## HENRY MAJESKI

The news that Hank Majeski was back with the A's again made a lot of Philadelphia people mighty happy last year, for "Heeney" had always been one of their favorites. The stocky third baseman came to the A's in the three-way player deal which sent Kermit Wahl to the Browns via the White Sox. He had been traded to Chicago for Eddie Klieman, and had enjoyed a good year with the White Sox in 1950.

Last year Hank was up around the .300 mark a good part of the season, and he ended up with a .282 average. He also would have led the league in fielding, had he appeared in only three more games. As it was, he finished 12 points higher than league leader George Kell, who played in the required number of games.

Hank doesn't come up with too many of those spectacular catches that bring the fans to their feet, but he gets the balls that he should get, and that's saying a lot! He has a good arm and he seldom bobbles a ball that he gets his glove on. Indeed, the likeable "Heeney" holds the major league record for fielding by a third baseman with a .988 average. He was also part of the infield which set the double play record in 1949.

Hank started his professional career as an 18-year-old back in 1935. By 1939 he had worked his way up to the Boston Braves. The following three years he played for Newark, hitting .345 and driving in 121 runs in 1942. After serving three years in the Coast Guard, Hank returned in 1946 to play with the Yanks, but was traded to the A's in mid-season. His best year with the Athletics was in 1948, when he hit .310 and drove in 120 runs.

During the winter Hank was treated by Dr. Larry Gopadze for an illness that had bothered him during the latter weeks of the season. He reported for spring training feeling fit as a fiddle and raring to go. Hank is right-handed all the way, is 5' 9" tall, and weighs 185 pounds. He and his wife live in Staten Island, New York.

Ready for the showers.



"That's a mark from my ball!"  
says Hank to coach Wally Moses.

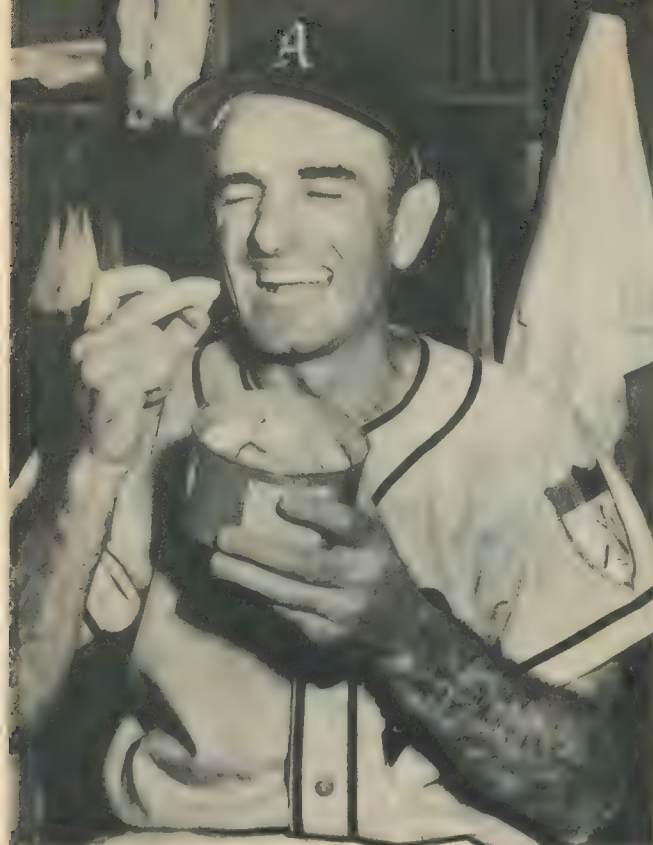


Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	F
1935	Eau Claire	North.	91	329	...	101	17	5	5	52	.307	227	254	25	.95
1936	Eau Claire	North	122	482	88	176	42	11	26	125	.365	310	360	25	.96
1937	Moline	I. I. 2B	105	403	89	139	20	15	9	...	.345	159	231	22	.94
1938	Birmingham	South.	151	560	81	182	38	11	4	77	.325	426	430	23	.97
1939	Boston	Nat.	106	367	35	100	16	1	7	54	.272	111	196	18	.94
1940	Boston	Nat.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.00
1940	Newark	Int.	105	375	66	121	15	4	17	76	.323	91	154	13	.95
1941	Boston	Nat.	19	55	5	8	5	0	0	3	.145	15	26	4	.91
1941	Newark	Int.	113	446	74	135	16	2	14	82	.303	138	283	19	.95
1942	Newark	Int.	151	574	112	198	31	6	14	121	.345	138	283	19	.95
1943-44-45	N. Y.	Amer.	(In Military Service)												
1946	N. Y.-Phila.	Amer.	86	276	26	67	14	4	1	25	.243	79	161	9	.96
1947	Philadelphia	Am. 3-2B	141	479	54	134	26	5	8	72	.280	170	283	5	.98
1948	Philadelphia	Am. 3B	148	590	88	183	41	4	12	120	.310	176	292	12	.97
1949	Philadelphia	Amer.	114	448	62	124	26	5	9	67	.277	117	219	15	.95
1950	Chicago	Amer.	122	414	47	128	18	2	6	46	.309	115	246	11	.97
1951	{ Chicago Philadelphia	Amer.	101	358	45	101	23	4	5	48	.282	86	232	9	.97

Heeney connects.







Pete would rather take his lemon in lemonade.



Ferris Fain wonders why Pete would have to stretch his hat.



Pete lends a hand to "Elmer the Great" (Joe E. Brown), as Nelson Fox, former A's infielder, looks on.

Pete "the Man with the Hands" Suder led the American League second baseman in fielding for the second time last year. And once again he functioned as the pivot man in the great double play combination of Joost to Suder to Fain, which helped top the 200 mark for the third consecutive year.

The slim, balding veteran of 11 years in the majors is considered one of the greatest "glove" men in the game. More on the dependable than the flashy side, Pete always seems to be in the right spot at the right time. Like his partner, Eddie Joost, he has a fine arm and can get rid of a ball with amazing speed.

Pete is a valuable man to have on a ball club. He is capable of filling in at any spot in the infield, and though his batting average wasn't too high last year, he is a good clutch hitter.

A veteran of two years of service in the Army "Pecky" has been with the Athletics since he was drafted from Binghamton at the end of the 1940 season. He had spent several years with various Yankee farm clubs before the A's finally grabbed him, after Pete had been voted the Eastern League's most valuable player for 1940. The following year he was playing regularly for the Athletics.

With the retirement of Wally Moses as a player, Pete became the oldest member of the team. He was born in Aliquippa, Pa. on April 16, 1916, the same day as former A's outfielder Sam Chapman. He played basketball and baseball at Aliquippa High School, from which he graduated in 1934. It seems that nothing will ever drag Pete away from his home town, and he and his wife and two sons are still living there.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1935	Washington	Pa. S.	100	384	49	113	17	13	2	46	.294	88	217	17	.947
1936	Akron	M.-At.	125	511	88	158	33	8	18	84	.309	208	365	31	.949
1937	Norfolk	Pied.	137	547	100	164	34	4	22	103	.300	185	359	21	.963
1938	Binghamton	East.	135	539	73	150	23	5	10	97	.278	162	321	28	.945
1939	Newark	Int.	42	148	14	35	5	3	2	17	.236	40	86	6	.955
1939	Binghamton	East.	67	258	33	64	11	2	4	25	.248	59	133	9	.955
1940	Binghamton	East.	140	571	73	172	25	6	16	78	.301	144	306	26	.945
1941	Philadelphia	A. L.	139	531	45	130	20	9	4	52	.245	180	279	21	.956
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	128	476	46	122	20	4	4	54	.256	242	344	22	.964
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	131	475	30	105	14	5	3	41	.221	272	323	17	.972
(In Military Service)															
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	128	455	38	128	20	3	2	50	.281	247	284	22	.960
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	145	528	45	127	28	4	5	60	.241	310	418	12	.984
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	148	519	64	125	23	5	7	60	.241	342	461	10	.988
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	118	445	44	119	24	6	10	75	.267	203	259	12	.975
												(ss)	37	70	.955
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	77	248	34	61	10	0	8	35	.246	139	177	9	.972
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	123	440	46	108	18	1	1	42	.245	28	274	313	.987
												3B	3	1	1.000
												SS	44	41	.966



Allie Clark joined the A's on May 10, 1951, along with Cleveland teammate Lou Klein in the deal which sent outfielder Sam Chapman to the Indians. He had started out in the New York Yankees' farm system, playing for Easton, Amsterdam, Norfolk, and briefly for Newark, before going into the Army for three years.

After being discharged he returned to Newark, where he proceeded to make quite a reputation for himself as one of the leading hitters in the strong International League. Allie hit .344 and drove in 70 runs in 1946. The next year he hit .334, walloped 23 homeruns, 9 triples, and 27 doubles and drove in 86 runs. That was enough to make the Yankees bring him up at the end of the season, and Allie hit .373 in 24 games for the Yanks. He also participated in the 1947 World Series.

Allie was traded to Cleveland and played 81 games for the Indians in 1948, his second year in a row with a pennant winner. After spending part of '49 with San Diego, he was back with the Indians again in '50, but played in only 59 games.

The 29-year-old third baseman and outfielder would like nothing better than to win a regular berth for himself on the A's starting line-up. Given a chance to play regularly, Allie could well become the hitter he was back in his International League days.

Standing an even six feet and weighing 185 pounds, Allie is of Irish descent, and has light brown hair and blue eyes. Last year Mrs. Clark presented him with a brand new baby daughter—their fourth girl!



Relaxing in Packy Schwartz's den.

# CLARK

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941	Easton	E. Shore	70	268	38	87	17	6	7	47	.325	129	175	21	.935
1941	Amsterdam	Can.-Am.	20	76	18	28	4	2	1	10	.368	44	56	7	.935
1942	Norfolk	Pied.	129	506	70	166	34	8	8	76	.328	428	282	31	.958
1942	Newark	Int.	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	.333	1	1	1	.667
1943	Newark	Int.	24	73	2	16	1	0	0	7	.219	37	16	2	.964
1943-44-45	Newark	Int.	(In Military Service)												
1946	Newark	Int.	97	352	64	121	17	6	14	70	.344	144	44	3	.984
1947	Newark	Int.	110	437	79	146	27	9	23	86	.334	180	139	19	.944
1947	New York	Amer.	24	67	9	25	5	0	1	14	.373	36	0	0	1.000
1948	Cleveland	Amer.	81	271	43	84	5	2	9	38	.310	115	9	3	.976
1949	Cleveland	Amer.	35	74	8	13	4	0	1	9	.176	15	1	0	1.000
1949	San Diego	P. C.	42	149	19	44	6	1	11	39	.295	65	3	1	.986
1950	Cleveland	Amer.	59	163	19	35	6	1	6	21	.215	75	2	1	.982
1951	{ Cleveland Philadelphia	Amer.	59	171	23	43	12	1	5	25	.251	{ 3B 9 20 OF 63 2	3 1	.904	.989



Allie and Ferris have adjacent lockers.

Mommy gets a day off, as Allie stays home to "baby sit" with his four daughters.





# DAVID EARL PHILLEY

Dave came to the A's from the White Sox along with Gus Zernial in the big three-way deal early last season. He had led the Chisox in doubles and stolen bases in 1950, while driving in 80 runs and slamming 14 homers.

As the Athletics' regular centerfielder last year, he hit .262 and had 61 RBI's. The speedy ball hawk always ranks high among the league outfielders in assists and double plays, and his arm is one of the most respected in the circuit by opposing base-runners. Dave is also a good third baseman, and he saw a little action at that position in two games last year.

One of the few switch-hitters in the majors, Dave has good power from either side of the plate. Among his big blows last season was a gigantic grand slam homer against Detroit. The mighty wallop came at

the right time, too, as the A's were behind 3 to 2. A good competitor, he played much of last season under the handicap of a very painful groin injury.

Dave was born in Paris, Texas on May 16, 1920. He spent two years at East Texas State, while playing in organized ball, and in 1942 he left college to go into the Army. After three years in the service, the 190-pound Texan returned to baseball and had a good year with Milwaukee, hitting .329 and driving in 93 runs. He was moved up to the White Sox at the end of the season and hit .353 in 17 games.

Dave still lives in Paris, and during the off-season he is engaged in cattle raising. He is married and has a son, who Dave hopes will be a big leaguer some day. Like most ball players, the nice looking flychaser likes to hunt and fish.



Dave is all set to go out on the field.



A penny for your thoughts.

## PHILLEY

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1940	Marshall	E. Tex.	125	496	74	131	24	8	4	45	.264	299	26	11	.967
1941	Monroe	Cot. St.	124	503	109	174	27	5	16	110	.346	265	17	9	.969
1941	Shreveport	Texas	6	10	1	1	0	0	0	1	.100	9	0	0	1.000
1941	Chicago	Amer.	7	9	4	2	1	0	0	0	.222	0	0	0	.000
1942	St. Paul	A. A.	56	173	28	41	12	2	0	13	.237	102	3	2	.981
1942-43-44-45	Chi.	Amer.	(In Military Service)												
1946	Milwaukee	A. A.	130	507	85	167	33	10	13	93	.329	292	22	8	.975
1946	Chicago	Amer.	17	68	10	24	2	3	0	17	.353	55	3	1	.983
1947	Chicago	Amer.	143	551	55	142	25	11	2	45	.258	356	15	5	.987
1948	Chicago	Amer.	137	488	51	140	28	3	5	42	.287	381	22	9	.978
1949	Chicago	Amer.	146	598	84	171	20	8	0	44	.286	282	16	7	.977
1950	Chicago	Amer.	156	619	69	150	21	5	14	80	.242	367	19	8	.980
1951	{ Chicago Philadelphia	Amer	132	493	71	129	20	7	7	61	.262	314	15	8	.976

On their way to the ball park—Dave, son Billy, and wife.





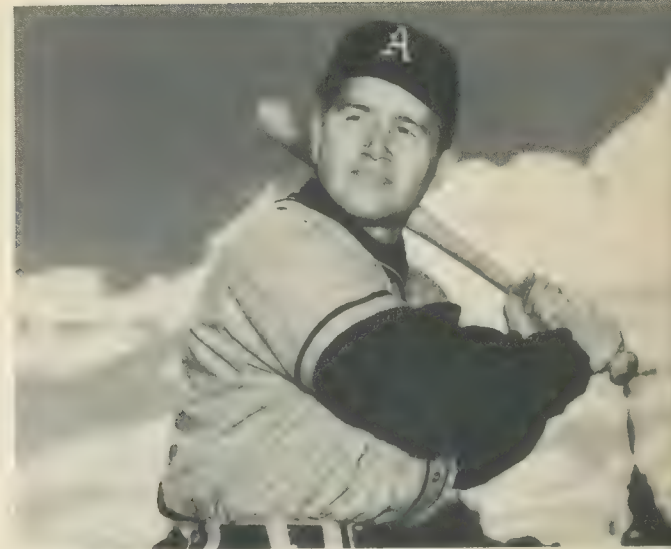
## ELMER WILLIAM VALO

One of the most popular players in Philadelphia, Elmer Valo is hustle personified. His dare-devil style of outfield play won him the nickname of "the Fence Buster", and the dashing fly chaser has crashed into many a fence to retire some hopeful batter.

If Jimmie Dykes' experiment to make a center-fielder out of Elmer works, the Palmerton flash will have much more room to roam. But his fellow gardeners had better watch out!

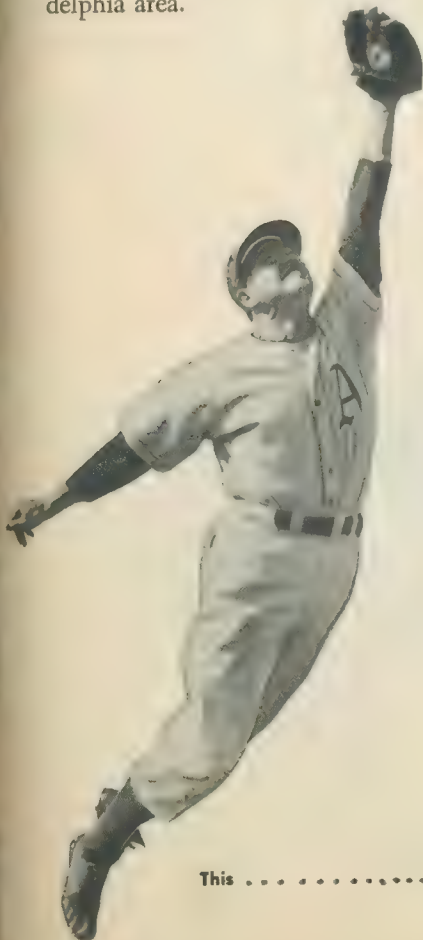
Elmer has been a member of the A's organization since he signed his first professional contract with Federalsburg, Md. back in 1939. In 1940 he was moved up to Wilmington, where he led the Inter-State League with a .364 average and also in hits, doubles, triples, and total bases. Farmed out to Wilmington again the following year, Elmer came up to stay with the A's at the end of the '41 season, and he hit .420 in 15 games. Except for a 2-year stretch in the Army, he has been with the Athletics ever since.

Last year Elmer hit over .300 for the fourth time in his career, not counting his short stay in 1941. At first he had trouble shaking off an early season slump, but once he found his batting eye, Elmer kept raising his average consistently. On August 15 over a thousand of Elmer's admirers from Palmerton, Allentown, and vicinity arranged to have an Elmer Valo Night at Shibe Park. They presented their favorite with a truckload of gifts, many of which had been donated by Elmer's friends in the Philadelphia area.



The pride of Palmerton.

The amiable but serious-minded outfielder was born in Czechoslovakia thirty years ago. Since early childhood he has lived in Palmerton, Pa. At Stephen S. Palmer High School, from which he graduated in 1939, Elmer starred in baseball, basketball and track. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was discharged as a Lieutenant in 1946. Elmer is married and has three children. During the off-season he is kept busy with speaking engagements and officiating basketball games.



This . . . . . Leads to this!

VALO																	
Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA		
1941	Philadelphia	A. L.	15	50	13	21	0	1	2	6	.420	22	0	0	1.000		
1942	Philadelphia	A. L.	133	459	64	115	13	10	2	40	.251	264	5	10	.964		
1943	Philadelphia	A. L.	77	249	31	55	6	2	3	18	.221	134	4	2	.986		
1944-45	Phila.	A. L.	(In Military Service)														
1946	Philadelphia	A. L.	108	348	59	107	21	6	1	31	.307	182	7	5	.974		
1947	Philadelphia	A. L.	112	370	60	111	12	6	5	36	.300	205	9	6	.973		
1948	Philadelphia	A. L.	113	383	72	117	17	4	3	46	.305	231	4	4	.983		
1949	Philadelphia	A. L.	150	547	86	155	27	12	5	85	.283	395	8	8	.981		
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	129	446	62	125	16	5	10	46	.280	264	9	5	.982		
1951	Philadelphia	A. L.	123	444	75	134	27	8	7	55	.302	247	5	5	.981		

A good base-runner has to keep his spikes clean.





Not since the days of Jimmie Foxx have Philadelphia fans thrilled to such tremendous homerun blasts as those hit by big Gus Zernial. The mighty Ozark Ike is not content to hit 'em into the left field stands. He blasts his homers right out of the ball park.

The powerful giant was the homerun and RBI king of the American League last year. Soon after joining the A's he proceeded to go on a homer-hitting rampage, slamming 7 round-trippers and tying two major league records in the process.

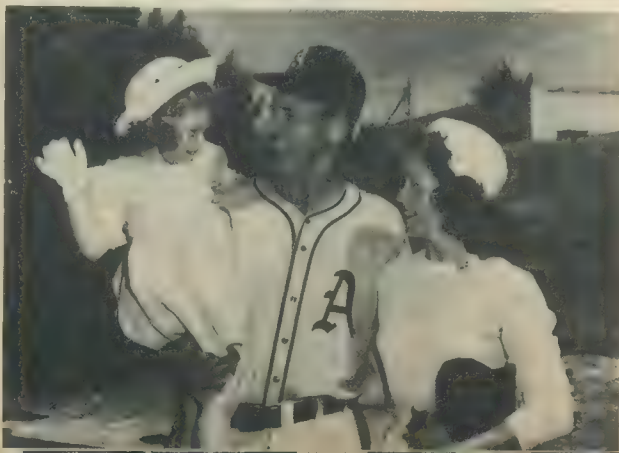
In the winter of 1950 Jimmie Dykes had been hopeful that Arthur Ehlers would be able to make a deal for Gus. The amiable Texan had starred for Dykes at Hollywood, where his fabulous exploits led to his present nickname. Under Jimmie's management Ozark had hit .344 in 1947 and in 1948 he collected 237 hits, including 47 doubles, 7 triples, and 40 homeruns! That season he hit .322 and drove in 156 runs.

That was enough to earn him a chance with the White Sox, and Gus showed he could hit major league pitching just as well. He was leading the league when he suffered a fractured right collarbone in an effort to make a diving catch during a game with Cleveland. The injury kept Gus out of action for two months, but he still was able to finish the season with a .318 batting average. The next year Gus set an all time White Sox record with 29 homeruns, although Eddie Robinson equaled it last year.

When Ozark Ike is at the plate, the opposing pitcher faces 210 pounds of slugging dynamite. Tall and well-built, the handsome outfielder appears to swing without any effort. But when that ball goes out of sight, you know it was hit! Completely recovered from his shoulder injury, Gus led the American League outfielders in assists last year, a feat which has been overshadowed by his hitting prowess. Despite his great size, he does a good job in the outfield.

Gus is of Dutch-German descent. During the war he saw action as a radio mechanic in the Navy. He and his wife and daughter make their home in Inglewood, Cal.

Homerun King Gus and his Queen and Princess (wife Gladys and daughter Susan)



Gus tears up the record book after hitting his seventh homerun in four consecutive games. Bulletin Photo.

#### ZERNIAL

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1942	Waycross	Ga.-Fla.	95	367	54	105	25	4	3	49	.286	162	5	8	.954
1943-44-45	Atlanta	South.	(In Military Service)												
1946	Burlington	Carol.	137	501	114	167	29	3	41	111	.333	215	10	10	.957
1947	Baltimore	Int.	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
1947	Hollywood	P. C.	120	372	61	128	17	6	12	77	.344	179	6	5	.974
1948	Hollywood	P. C.	186	737	130	237	47	7	40	156	.322	390	15	10	.976
1949	Chicago	Amer.	73	198	29	63	17	2	5	38	.318	73	4	0	1.000
1950	Chicago	Amer.	143	543	75	152	16	4	29	93	.280	306	9	10	.969
1951	{ Chicago Philadelphia	Amer.	143	571	92	153	30	5	33	129	.268	334	18	10	.972

No wonder he can hit!

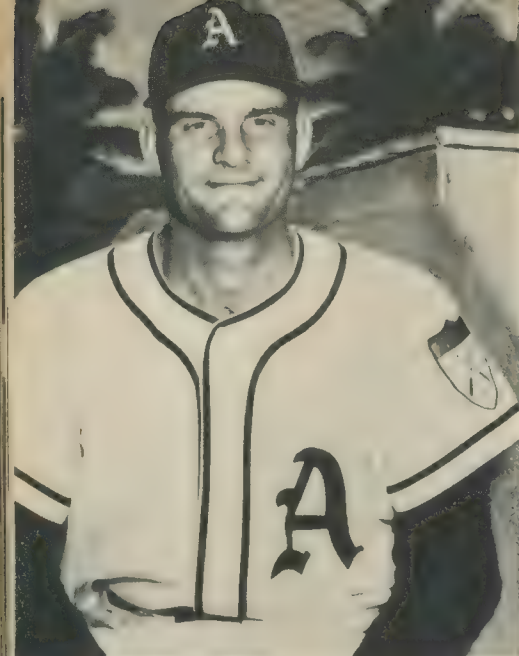




## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE A'S

- 1862 Connie Mack born, December 23, East Brookfield, Mass. Third son of Michael and Mary McGillicuddy. Worked as boy in cotton mill. At 16 learned trade of shoemaker.
- 1884 Entered professional baseball with Meriden, Conn. team.
- 1885 Joined Hartford, Conn. team. Later joined New York "Metropolitans".
- 1886 First year in major leagues. With Washington "Senators".
- 1889 With Buffalo, N. Y. in the Players League.
- 1891 Joined Pittsburgh "Pirates", under Ned Hanlon.
- 1894 Became manager of "Pirates".
- 1897 Became manager and part owner of Milwaukee, Wis. club in Western League.
- 1900 Western League became American League. Connie Mack established "Athletics" to represent Philadelphia in American League.
- 1901 A's opened at Columbia Park, 29th and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia. First year in American League.
- 1902 Rube Waddell joined pitching staff. A's became known as "White Elephants", after John McGraw had referred to them derisively by that name. Athletics won first pennant. No World Series that year.
- 1905 Won second pennant. Chief Bender won only A's victory of World Series.
- 1907 Finished second.
- 1909 Finished second. Shibe Park opened on April 12. First all steel and concrete ball park ever built.
- 1910 Won third pennant and first World Series. Famous \$100,000 infield—McInnis, Collins, Barry, and Baker. Great pitching trio of Bender, Plank, and Coombs.
- 1911 Won fourth pennant and second World Series.
- 1912 Mr. Mack calls this his greatest team, although it finished third.
- 1913 Won fifth pennant and third World Series.
- 1914 Won sixth pennant. Lost Series to Boston Braves, the "miracle" team.
- 1915-21 The doldrums.
- 1922-25 Mr. Mack began assembling another great team: Simmons, Grove, Bishop, Boley, Cochrane, Dykes, Perkins, Rommel, Foxx, Miller, and others.
- 1925 Finished second.
- 1928 Ty Cobb joined club.
- 1929 Won seventh pennant and fourth World Series.
- 1930 Won eighth pennant and fifth World Series. Mr. Mack received Bok Award for distinguished service to Philadelphia.
- 1931 Won ninth pennant. Lost Series to Cards.
- 1932 Finished second.
- 1933 Made Good Will Baseball Mission to Japan.
- 1937 Mr. Mack became President of the Athletics.
- 1938 Mr. Mack received Silver Buffalo Award from National Council of Boy Scouts for his service to boyhood.
- 1939 Mr. Mack selected to manage American League team in All Star Game that signalized baseball's 100th anniversary. Immortalized in Cooperstown Hall of Fame as "Builder of Baseball".
- 1941 May 17 proclaimed by Governor of Pennsylvania as Connie Mack Day.
- 1944 Mr. Mack celebrated his Golden Anniversary as a big league manager.
- 1947 Athletics established minor league organization with Arthur Ehlers as Director.
- 1949 City of New York honors Mr. Mack with "Connie Mack Day" parade and celebration.
- 1950 Mr. Mack completed his fiftieth year as manager of the Athletics, and on October 18, announced his retirement from the bench. Jimmie Dykes appointed as second manager in history of A's. Roy and Earle Mack purchased controlling stock. Arthur Ehlers became General Manager.
- 1952 City of West Palm Beach honored Mr. Mack. Wright Field now called Connie Mack Field.





## HARRY G. BYRD

Hefty right-hander from Darlington, S. C. . . . Had brief spell with A's early in 1950 season . . . Won 18 games for Savannah last year . . . 6'1" tall, 26 years old, Army veteran . . . Star basketball and baseball player at Darlington High School . . . Won 15 games as rookie with Martinsville in 1946 . . . With Savannah '47 through '49 . . . Has good stuff but trouble with his control . . . Pitched 23 complete games and struck out 180 batters in 1951 . . . Harry is strong, silent type . . . Married.

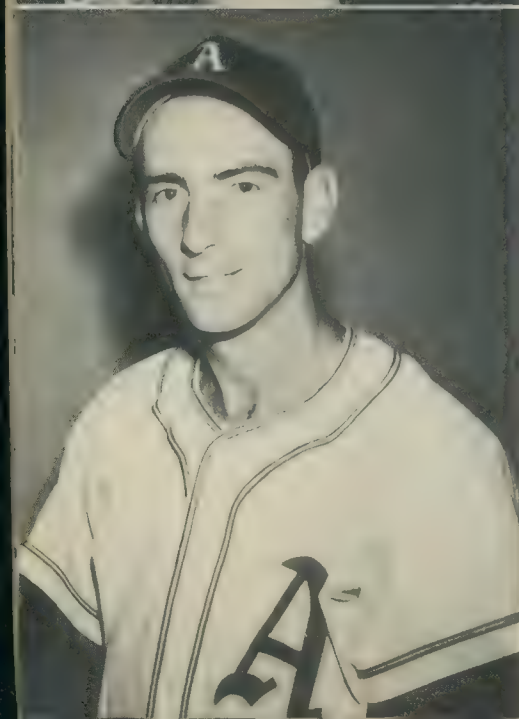
Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946	Martinsville	Carolina	38	236	15	12	.556	224	125	0	172	108	-0.00
1947	Savannah	So. Atl.	38	199	16	13	.552	221	148	123	115	103	5.56
1948	Savannah	So. Atl.	42	233	15	15	.500	223	140	106	118	101	4.09
1949	Savannah	So. Atl.	10	54	2	8	.200	51	32	28	42	34	4.67
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	6	11	0	0	.000	25	20	20	2	9	16.36
1950	Buffalo	Int.	21	108	4	9	.308	134	91	81	66	65	6.75
1951	Savannah	So. Atl.	33	248	18	14	.563	239	124	99	180	107	3.59



## THOMAS B. HAMILTON (Optioned to Savannah)

Professional career hampered by injuries . . . Signed in 1950 after graduation from University of Texas, where he was chosen as outstanding student of his class . . . Tied for Western League fielding leadership (first base) in 1950 . . . Hit .294 and drove in 88 runs as rookie that year . . . 6'3½", weighs 213, 26 years old, Army veteran, and married . . . Considered excellent prospect . . . Big, strong, and good power . . . Bats left, throws right . . . An all-round athlete, "Ham" starred in basketball and baseball at Texas U.

Year	Club	League	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1950	Lincoln	Western	150	547	97	161	24	5	10	88	.294	1234	57	17	.987
1951	Lincoln	Western	103	356	40	93	7	4	8	48	.261	760	56	17	.980



## ROLAND E. HOYLE

Nicknamed Tex . . . 28 years old, 6'4" pitcher, born and raised in Carbondale, Pa. . . . Welsh and English descent . . . Air Corps in World War II . . . Signed first professional contract with Butler, Pa., in 1941 . . . Was with Yankee organization until injury forced him to retire for two years . . . Signed with A's as free agent in 1951 . . . Likes volley ball, swimming, and bowling . . . Once bowled a perfect game (300) . . . Single.

Year	Club	League	G	CG	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
*1941	Butler	Penna. St.	9	0	42	1	3	.250						
**1942	Butler	Penna. St.	23	0	131	9	6	.600	125	95	65	127	65	4.44
(In Military Service)														
1946	Norfolk	Piedmont	26	7	110	8	7	.533	79	45	32	80	47	2.62
1947	Binghamton	Eastern	16	0	50	1	4	.200	47	40	26	19	28	4.68
1948	Binghamton	Eastern	18	1	56	1	4	.200	51	42	36	30	44	5.79
(Not in Organized Ball)														
1951	Lincoln	Western	8	5	56	2	4	.333	60	50	35	39	36	5.63

\*1941—Butler: Less than 45 innings

\*\*1942—Butler: CG omitted



## EDWARD HRABCSAK (Optioned to Ottawa)

Born in Canonsburg, Pa. on Feb. 17, 1925 . . . Graduated from Cecil, Pa. High School in 1942 . . . Captained football and basketball teams in senior year . . . Attended Miami (Ohio) University one year, before enlisting in Navy . . . Service record a mile long . . . Started with Ozark, Ala. in '47 . . . Drafted by A's in '49 after leading Colonial League with 234 strike-outs and posting 19 and 7 record . . . Played at Savannah in '50 and '51 . . . 6'4", 215 pounds, married, now lives in Danbury, Conn.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947	Ozark	Ala., S.	24	152	11	8	.579	157	90	65	126	71	3.85
1948	Knoxville	Tri-St.	38	150	6	8	.429	157	103	82	102	78	4.92
1949	Stamford	Colonial	35	226	19	7	.731	188	78	70	234	102	3.54
1950	Savannah	Sally	28	151	9	8	.529	134	62	54	112	62	3.22
1951	Savannah	Sally	24	148	9	11	.450	122	76	56	91	76	3.41

## EVERETT L. KELL

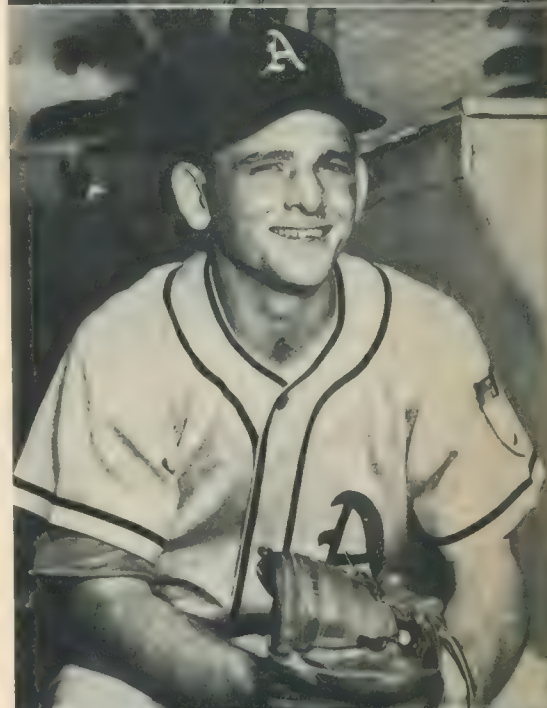
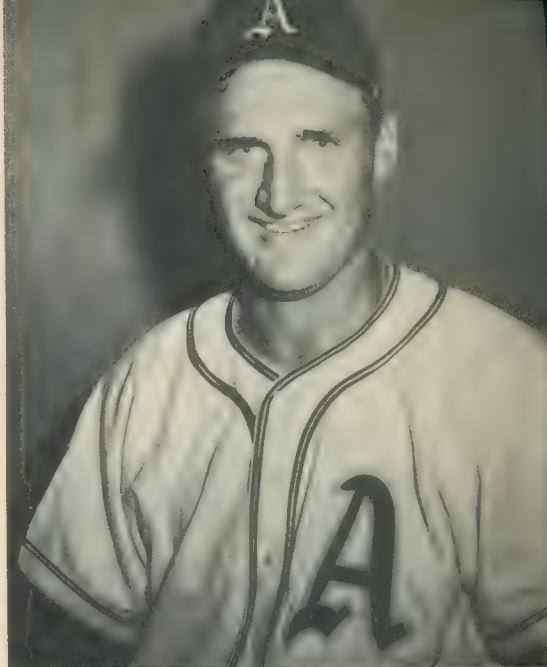
Nicknamed Skeeter . . . Younger brother of Detroit's George Kell . . . 22 years old, Irish descent, 5'9" tall, married . . . Signed with Moultrie Athletics in 1949 . . . Made Georgia-Florida League All Star team in 1950, and was selected as the All Star second baseman for the Sally League last year . . . Graduated from Arkansas State College this past January . . . Basketball official during the off-season.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA	POS
1949	Moultrie	82	299	54	86	9	6	3	46	33	35	.288	153	218	31	.923	SS
1950	Cordele	122	451	88	159	30	4	2	78	32	67	.353	319	359	40	.944	2B
1950	Savannah	22	86	17	26	6	0	1	12	7	5	.302	54	56	2	.982	2B
1951	Savannah	122	488	85	143	28	0	2	55	29	44	.293	327	341	25	.964	2B

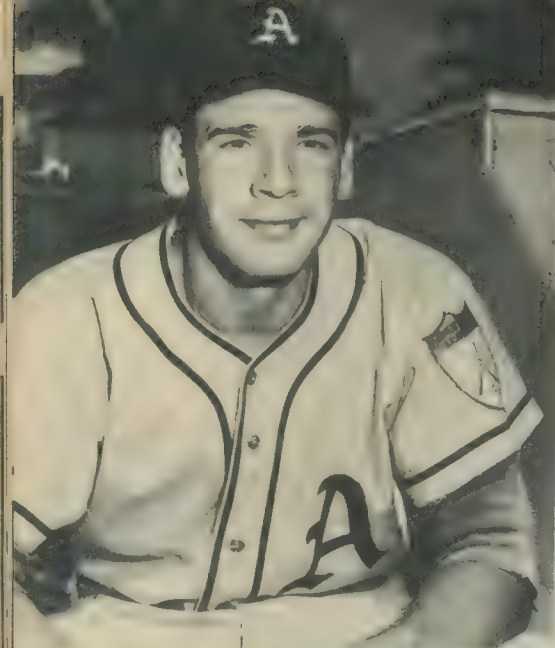
## JOHN M. KUME (Optioned to Ottawa)

Nicknamed Mike . . . 6'1", 185-pound pitcher . . . Right handed all the way . . . Born May 19, 1926 . . . Hungarian descent . . . Served in infantry during World War II . . . Never played ball until 1945, when he was in the Army . . . Signed first contract with Welch, W. Va., in 1948 . . . Truck driver during the off-season . . . Single.

Year	Club	G	CG	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Welch	23	12	137	9	7	.563	131	81	61	81	78	4.01
1948	Savannah	(No Record)											
1949	Martinsville	12	2	59	1	7	.125	79	60	53	32	41	8.08
1949	Welch	18	7	104	7	5	.583	122	74	56	79	60	4.85
1950	Fayetteville	29	11	179	7	12	.368	167	99	69	102	105	3.47
1951	Savannah	38	2	142	3	11	.214	117	81	70	101	84	4.44



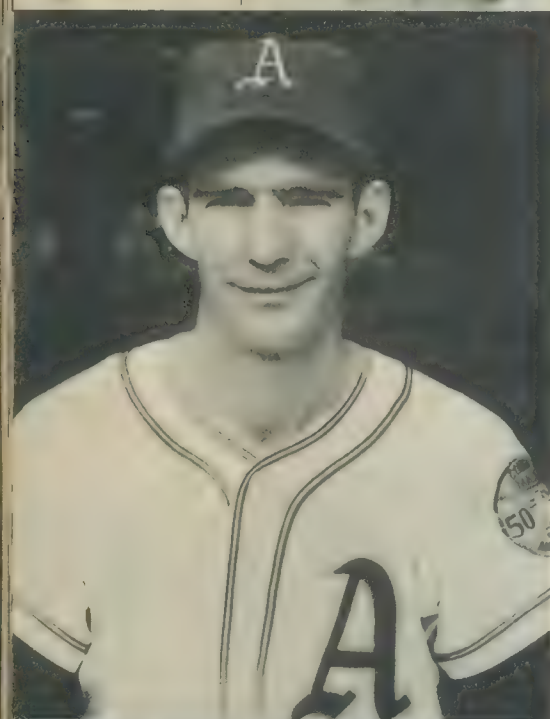




## JACK N. LITTRELL

Shortstop . . . Teamed with Skeeter Kell at Savannah this past season . . . 23 years old, 5'11" tall, weighs 170, bats and throws right . . . Played first year of pro ball with Oroville, Cal., in 1948 . . . With Oneonta, N. Y., in '49, Sunbury, Pa., in '50 . . . Attended Western State Teachers College . . . Hometown is Prospect, Ky. . . Married and two children.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA	POS
1948	Oroville	98	389	51	103	18	3	2	30	81	54	.265	152	242	45	.897	SS
1949	Oneonta, N. Y.																
1950	Sunbury, Pa.	135	456	62	107	23	10	2	50	53	54	.235	267	379	60	.915	SS
1951	Savannah, Ga.	128	460	71	120	24	6	9	68	74	63	.261	261	377	63	.910	SS



## JOSEPH A. MURRAY (Optioned to Ottawa)

With Savannah last year . . . Came to A's from West Palm Beach in 1950, where he led Florida International League with 26 complete games . . . 30 years old, 6' tall, 165 pounds, left-handed all the way . . . Born and raised in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . Now lives in Amsterdam, N. Y. . . Played three years of pro ball before going into Navy in 1943 . . . Joe looked good in his spring training appearances . . . Has good control . . . Soft-spoken and good natured . . . Married and has a daughter.

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	PCT	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1940	Easton	Eastern Shore	27	128	6	14	.300	121	66	50	93	71	3.52
1941	Easton	Eastern Shore	33	144	13	8	.619	122	65	50	140	61	3.13
1942	Butler	Penna. State	19	136	15	1	.938	110	66	56	140	63	3.73
1943-44-45		(Military Service)											
1946	Kansas City	American Asso	6	18	0	2	.000	20	12	12	9	16	0.00
1947	Port Chester—6												
	Bridgeport—16	Colonial	22	158	12	7	.632	158	71	41	98	76	2.34
1948	Chattanooga	S. Assoc.	23	47	1	2	.333	57	34	30	27	32	5.74
1949	W. Palm Beach	Florida Int.	37	270	15	14	.517	269	123	94	119	87	3.13
1950	W. Palm Beach	Florida Int.	42	266	20	14	.588	245	118	87	122	117	2.94
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	8	30	0	3	.000	34	20	19	8	21	5.70
1951	Savannah	So. Atl.	32	196	10	15	.400	235	113	99	100	71	4.55

## KEITH M. THOMAS

Nicknamed Kite . . . 27-year old Navy Veteran . . . Outfielder, 6'1½" tall, weighs 195, bats and throws right . . . Scotch, English, and Irish descent . . . Entered pro ball in 1947 with Joplin of the Western Association . . . Made the Texas League All Star team in 1950 . . . Drafted by the A's in November, after a good season with Kansas City . . . Married and two children . . . Attends Kansas State University during the off-season . . . Officiates football and basketball games.

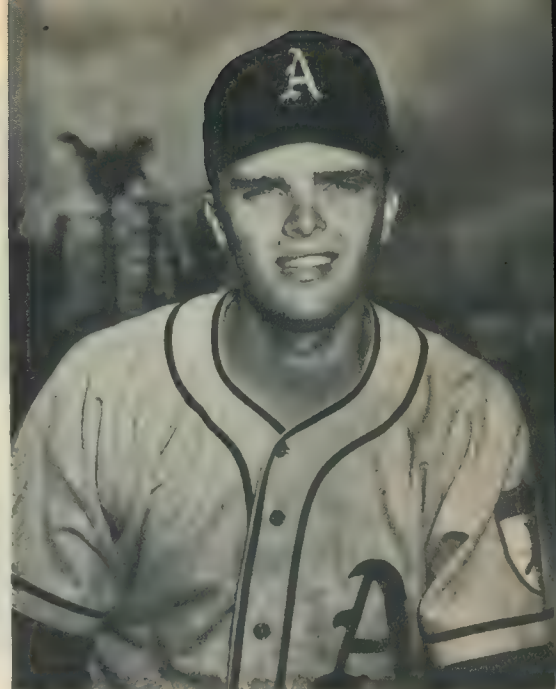
Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA	POS
1947	Joplin	60	229	41	73	18	6	4	14	46	45	.319	82	15	7	.933	OF
1948	Quincy	125	479	87	150	24	7	17	54	95	99	.313	200	15	8	.964	OF
1949	Beaumont	134	469	66	128	23	4	23	61	72	80	.273	180	7	8	.959	OF
1950	Beaumont	149	552	109	156	42	8	16	97	76	111	.283	234	11	7	.972	OF
1951	Kansas City	138	471	59	133	24	6	14	60	62	81	.282	227	7	8	.967	OF





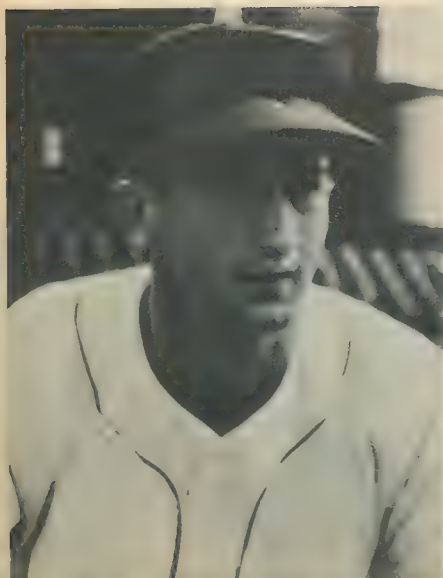
# ROBERT J. WILLIAMS (Optioned to Lincoln)

Nicknamed Bob . . . Signed with Athletics after graduating from University of Arkansas in June of 1951 . . . Was star athlete and honor student at Arkansas . . . Played third base and outfield at Lincoln for the remainder of the '51 season . . . Stands 6' even, weighs 175, bats and throws right . . . Born June 23, 1929, in Cleaver, Mo. . . Single . . . Has beautiful singing voice and has sung professionally.



Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA	POS
1951	Lincoln	63	157	17	41	4	0	0	16	25	14	.261	14	28	0	1.000	3B
													42	1	4	.915	OF

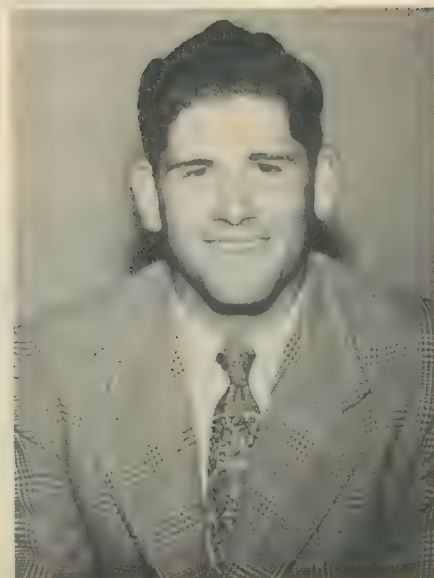
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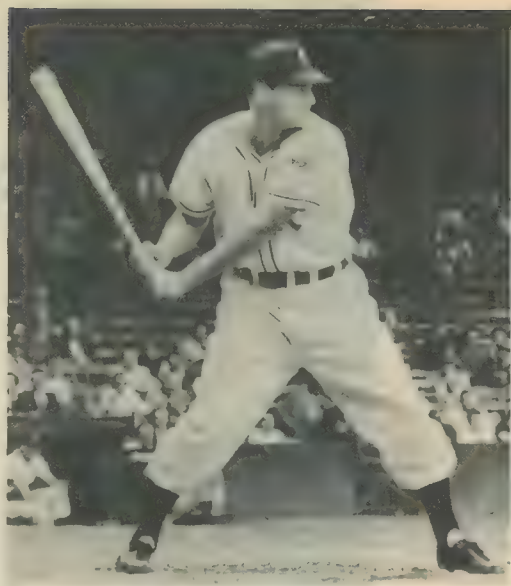


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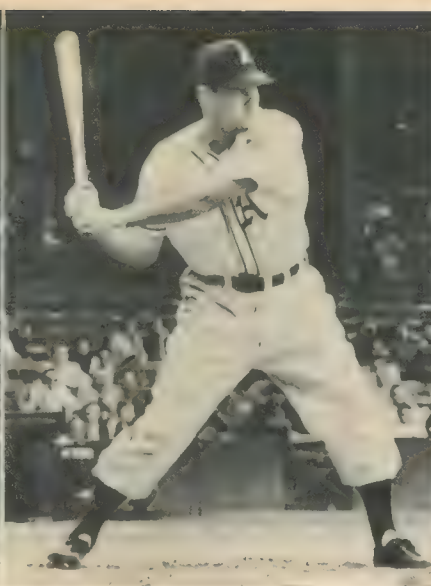


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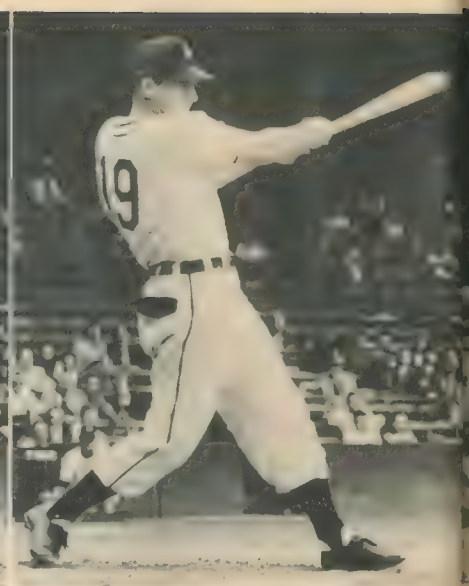




Gus sees one he likes — gets set.



Weight shifts as he starts swing. Notice clinched teeth.



Wham! Gus puts every ounce into the swing.

## Fain and Zernial..... Batting Kings of '51.....

The 1951 Athletics produced the two leading hitters in the American League, batting champion Ferris Fain and homerun and RBI king Gus Zernial. The magic eye of the Philadelphia BULLETIN'S machine gun camera catches the powerful swings of the two sluggers.

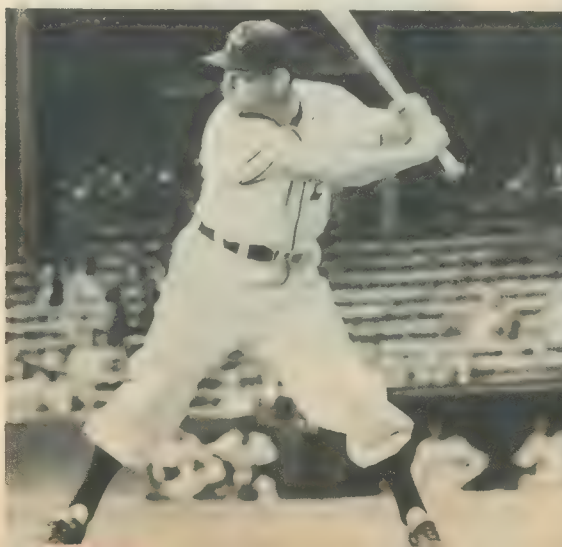
### HOW FAIN HIT AGAINST EACH CLUB

TEAM	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	CS	BB	RBI	AVE.
New York .....	43	8	20	35	4	1	3	1	1	3	15	14	.465
Cleveland .....	54	5	17	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	.315
Boston .....	57	8	15	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	10	5	.263
Detroit .....	59	8	21	31	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	10	.356
Chicago .....	61	11	21	27	4	0	1	1	0	0	13	6	.344
Washington ....	75	10	26	32	4	1	0	1	0	0	13	6	.347
St. Louis .....	76	13	26	34	8	0	0	0	0	0	17	10	.342
TOTALS .....	425	63	146	200	30	3	6	3	1	3	80	57	.344

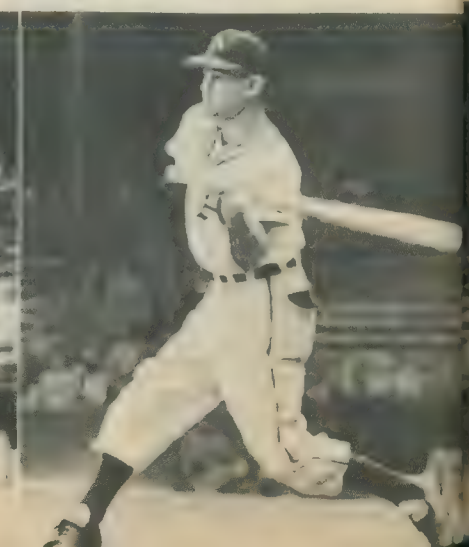
### ZERNIAL'S HR's AND RBI's AGAINST EACH CLUB

Team	HR	RBI
New York .....	4	19
Cleveland .....	1	8
Boston .....	3	13
Detroit .....	3	16
Chicago .....	6	17
Washington .....	4	16
St. Louis .....	12	40
TOTALS .....	33	129

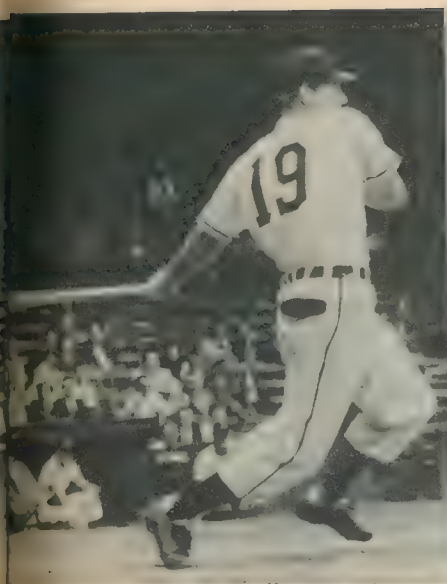
Like a coiled spring, Ferris is about to lash out.



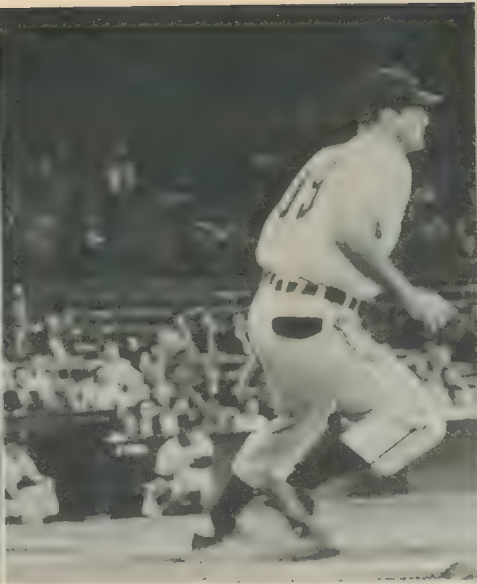
Bat moves like lightning as hips pivot.







The follow through. Still watching the ball.



Gus knows it's out of the park, as he starts for first.



A familiar scene, and three more runs for the A's. (INQUIRER PHOTO.)

Ozark like:  
220 pounds of slugging dynamite!



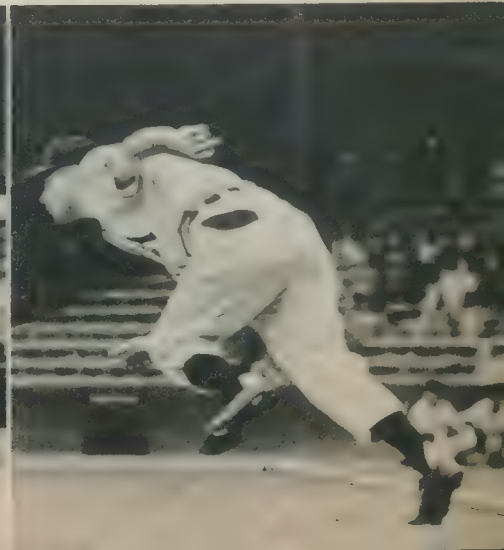
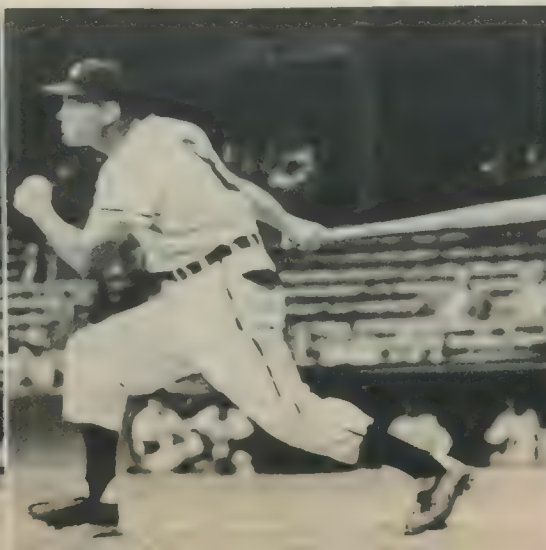
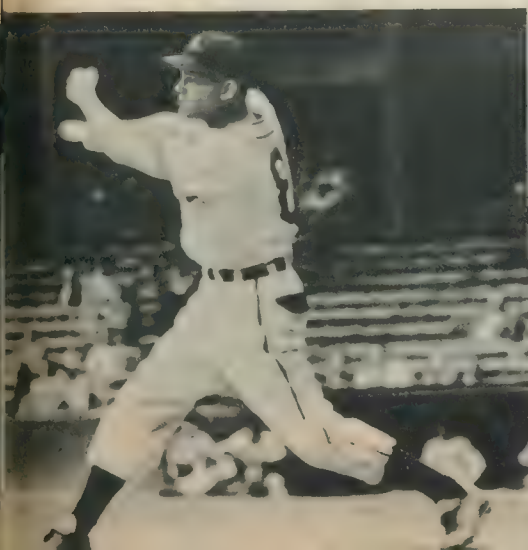
American League batting champion of 1951.



That one felt good!

It's a base hit, and No. 8 is on again.

Fain is off like a sprinter for first.







1. A's infield which established an all-time record of 217 double plays in 1949. Left to right: Hank Majeski, Eddie Joost, Ferris Fain, and Pete Suder.



2. Eddie Joost hurtles over Cleveland's Larry Doby, as the first of two Indians bites the dust. INQUIRER PHOTO.

## Joost to Suder

Voluminous prose  
Has been written by those  
Who have this one thought to  
advance:  
That the greatest combine  
In the double play line  
Was Tinker to Evers to Chance.

Those three famous Cubs  
Were surely not dubs;  
Their fielding was something  
sublime.  
They were far and away  
The class of their day,  
The double play kings of their time.

But they've since been dethroned  
And partly disowned.  
No longer as kings do they reign;  
For a new DP team  
Is ruling supreme  
Known as Joost to Suder to Fain.

These sensational A's  
Have perfected their ways  
To the point where they lead all  
the rest.  
As twin killings go  
Three years in a row  
They've ranked as the major leaguers'  
best.

There's never a worry,  
They'll comply in a hurry,  
When a quick double play is  
desired.  
A roller or liner  
Just couldn't be finer,  
You can bet that two men are retired.

You may already know  
What the record books show —  
Three years they've continued to  
shine,  
All others surpassing,  
This record amassing:  
A total of six twenty-nine!

10. Here Eddie and Pete demonstrate their technique to the two rookies who might some day succeed them as the A's double play combination, shortstop Jack Littrell and second baseman Skeeter Kell.



9. After five years of working together, Joost and Suder know each other like a book. The keystone masters could almost make their plays blind-folded.





3. Pete Suder functions as pivot man after retiring Washington's Mickey Grasso at second. INQUIRER PHOTO.



4. Fain and Joost trap Boston's Dom DiMaggio in a run-down, as umpire Bill McKinley watches. BULLETIN PHOTO.

## to Fain

On second there stands  
The "Man with the Hands."  
If a ball's hit to Pete there's no doubt,  
You need never look —  
Jot it down in the book,  
It's a cinch that the batter is out.

Eddie Joost rings the bell  
As a shortstop as well  
As a mighty good man with the stick.  
To select someone who  
Has an arm that's as true  
It would be an impossible pick.

A hitter's accurst  
With Ferris on first,  
There's no one as clever as he  
In spearing a bounder  
Or sizzling grounder  
And completing that tough "3-6-3."

A long time from now  
When they're telling of how  
So and so could "get two" with no  
strain,  
We'll think of the days  
Of Connie Mack's A's,  
And of Joost and Suder and Fain.

D. A.

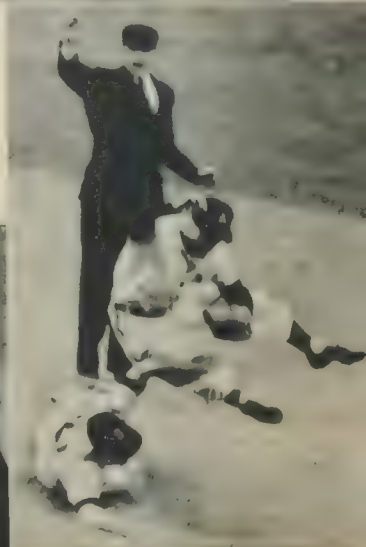
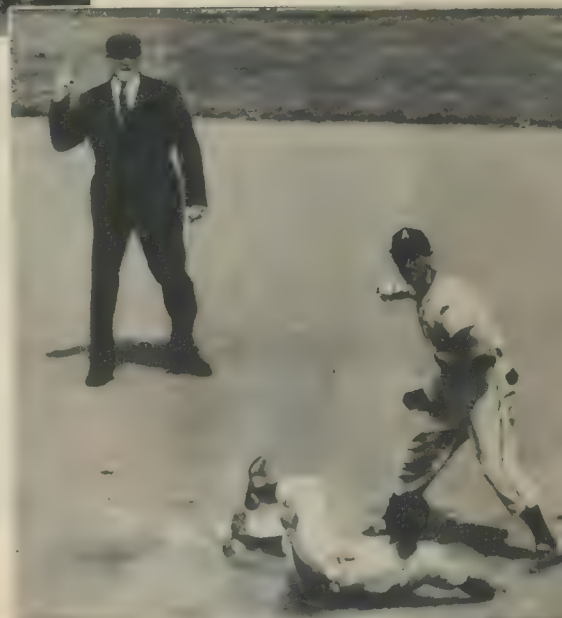
8. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Pete and Eddie spend many hours during spring training perfecting their timing.



7. Umpire Larry Napp calls catcher Sherm Lollar out at second, while Lord Jeffrey Suder looks around for more that he can do. INQUIRER PHOTO.



5. That's all for Cleveland Infielder Bob Avila, as umpire Ed Rommel gives the familiar sign. The determined man with the ball is Pete Suder. INQUIRER PHOTO.



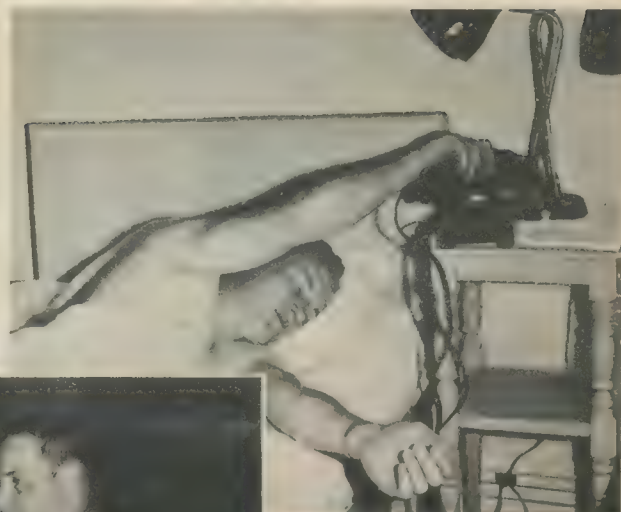
6. Buddy Rosar, Red Sox catcher, shows one way of breaking up a double play, as Eddie Joost flies in the air. INQUIRER PHOTO.



# A Day In Camp

What does a rookie do when he reports to a major league spring training camp? How does he live, when does he practice, what does he do in his spare time?

Here in pictures is the story of a day in camp with a typical major league rookie. We have selected amiable young Keith Thomas, who was picked by the A's last winter in the annual player draft, as an average rookie ball player with the Athletics. Photographer Jack Snyder stuck closely to Keith for one whole day and his candid shots will give the reader a good idea of the spring training life of a typical ball player.



1. "Good morning. It's 8 o'clock." A phone call from the switchboard operator starts rookie outfielder Keith Thomas' first day of spring training. The 8 o'clock call was one of Manager Jimmie Dykes' innovations, and to a tired ball player it sometimes seems mighty early!



5. Every player is given a thorough physical examination by team physician Dr. Larry Gopadze.



6. Wearing an A's uniform for the first time, Keith is ready for his initial workout under the supervision of Manager Dykes. The players must be in uniform and on the field by 10 o'clock.

7. A big thrill for any rookie is when he first meets Connie Mack. Here Keith gets a cordial welcome from the Grand Old Man of Baseball.



8. Keith gets instructions from his new skipper. The players have a definite routine to follow and Dykes keeps a close check on them. No one is allowed to leave the field without his permission, and woe be unto anyone who reports late.



# With A Rookie



2. Although he would like to stay in bed a while longer, Keith knows he has to be in the dining room for breakfast by 8:30, so he wastes no time getting his morning shave.



3. After breakfast Keith and three other rookies start out for the ball park, which is about a mile from the hotel. With Thomas are Jack Littrell, Bob Williams, and Skeeter Kell.



4. One of the first to greet Keith at Wright Field is clubhouse manager Howard "Yits" Crompton. Here Keith is shown as he receives his uniform from Yits.



9. Limbering up exercises help loosen stiff muscles. A few groans were heard as this quintet of Dave Philley, Ray Murray, Gus Zernial, Thomas, and Hank Majeski were working out some of the kinks.



10. Thirty minutes of running is a long time, but these five outfielders don't seem to mind. Keith (4th from left) soon learned that Jimmie Dykes is a great believer in the value of running as a conditioner.





11. What every player looks forward to — batting practice! A long ball hitter, Keith puts every bit of his 195 pounds into his swing.



12. Now one of the boys, he chats with homerun king Gus Zernial in the clubhouse after practice.

16. Coats and ties must be worn for supper — another one of Jimmie Dykes' rules. Roommate Bob Williams keeps a picture of his girl friend on the bureau. Keith himself is married and has two children.



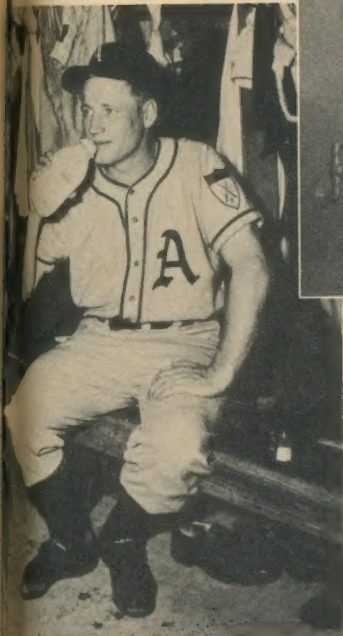
17. The meals are good at the George Washington, and young Mr. Thomas looks as if he's enjoying his shrimp cocktail.



18. After dinner there's time for a note home, and there's plenty to tell.







13. Milk is on the house, and when you're hot and tired, it hits the spot!



14. That hot shower feels pretty good, too.



15. Practice is usually over by 2 o'clock, and from then on the players are on their own. One of the favorite pastimes is fishing, and Keith and his three buddies had a chance to see what it's like.

19. A movie is the usual order of the evening. There is much to do in West Palm Beach, and the players are never at a loss for recreation. Here are Keith, Jack Littrell, and Bob Williams going into a theater.



20. Having been to the first show, Keith still has three hours until the 12 o'clock curfew. Maybe he'll stop on the mezzanine for a few hands of hearts, but chances are he'll go right on up to his room. It has been a long day and he's about ready to "hit the sack."







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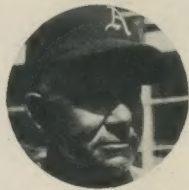
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On October 18, 1950 James Joseph Dykes carved a niche for himself in baseball history when he became the second manager in the history of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Thrilled as he was to be Connie Mack's successor, Jimmie knew that his would be no easy task. He was faced with the job of re-building a club which had finished deep in the cellar in 1950 and which had developed a losing psychology.

But with the help of some miraculous trades by General Manager Arthur Ehlers, the new skipper managed to instill his boys with the winning spirit. He kept hammering into them the idea that baseball is fun. "If you get out there and play like you're enjoying it," Jimmie told them, "you're gonna win some ball games!"

And before the season was over the A's were doing just that. Chief Bender's pitching staff showed remarkable improvement, the team was hitting better, their fielding was again tops, and there was no stopping the hustling A's. As a result, Jimmie Dykes' boys became known as "the Giant Killers of 1951".

Owners Roy and Earle Mack did not stop moving ahead when the season ended, however. They negotiated to purchase the Ottawa franchise in the International

League. This marked the first time in 26 years that the A's had owned a triple A club, and it was another important step toward building the Athletics into a pennant contender.

Other changes in the farm system included the signing of working agreements with St. Hyacinthe (Provincial League) and Harrisburg (Inter-State League). The Athletics' minor league organization now lists the following clubs: Ottawa (AAA), Lincoln (A), Savannah (A), Fayetteville (B), Harrisburg (B), St. Hyacinthe (C), Cordele (D), Corning (D), and Lexington (D).

All-important to a baseball organization is its scouting staff. 18 full-time A's scouts, among them such well known baseball personalities as Ira Thomas, Lena Blackburne, and Harry O'Donnell, are searching the entire nation for new talent. The scouting staff also includes Joe Boley, Dutch Brennan, Bernard Guest, Joe O'Rourke, Pat Donahue, Lefty Lloyd, Jack Murphy, Herb Strunk, Bill Beckmann, Frank Fulmer, Russ Sehon, Eddie Onslow, Judy Johnson, Red Norris, and Cal Lepore.

Another important step during the winter was the addition of the veteran Wally Moses to Jimmie Dykes' 1952 coaching staff.







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